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First Epistle of John	
I consider this epistle so important that I did a "spiritual translation of the entire epistle and put it in the left column. The Amplified Version is on the right.	
<i>I wrote an epistle to our Ephesian church and to the other churches. I'm going to share it again with you -- you of the modern day who claim to know and serve God and worship him in your churches. I pray that these writings give you some glimpse of how the true followers of Christ lived back in our day. The early saints understood the power of God and lived by the Spirit, and were not as concerned about proper church organization as you are today. It might come as a shock to you, but your "perfect organizations" will not save you, as long as you have but a form of godliness, but you deny the power thereof. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. If there is no power, there is no salvation. You lack faith and its attendants: the gifts of the spirit. It is as there was no atonement made, and all is vain. But let me show you how it was in the beginning.</i>	
Chapter 1	
I John 1:1 That Word of life which was with God in the beginning manifested himself in our midst. Our eyes have looked upon him, and our hands have handled him – the Word of life.	[We are writing] about the Word of Life [in] Him Who existed from the beginning, Whom we have heard, Whom we have seen with our [own] eyes, Whom we have gazed upon [for ourselves] and have touched with our [own] hands. (AMP)
I John 1:2 For this life was manifested to us, and we have seen it, and we bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father -- that the Father's gift of eternal life was manifested to us.	And the Life [an aspect of His being] was revealed (made manifest, demonstrated), and we saw [as eyewitnesses] and are testifying to and declare to you the Life, the eternal Life [in Him] Who already existed with the Father and Who [actually] was made visible (was revealed) to us [His followers]. (AMP)
I John 1:3 And we declare this to you that you might have the same communion as we have, for truly we have communion with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ, who have taken up their abode with us, as he promised us. [And this promise is unto every soul who forsakes his sins and comes unto Christ, and calls on his Name, and obeys his voice, and keeps his commandments: for thus saith the Lord: "They shall see my face and know that I am."]	What we have seen and [ourselves] heard, we are also telling you, so that you too may realize and enjoy fellowship as partners and partakers with us. And [this] fellowship that we have [which is a distinguishing mark of Christians] is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah). (AMP)
I John 1:4 And we are writing these things to you that your joy might be as great as ours. [Even greater, for as each soul is added to the circle of fellowship, so the light burns brighter,	And we are now writing these things to you so that our joy [in seeing you included] may be full [and your joy may be complete]. (AMP)

and the love is that much sweeter, and the Spirit of the Lord is unrestrained.]	
I John 1:5 When you come to know the workings of the Spirit, you will perceive that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.	And this is the message [the message of promise] which we have heard from Him and now are reporting to you: God is Light, and there is no darkness in Him at all [no, not in any way]. (AMP)
I John 1:6 Many come claiming that they "know" God or that they have "fellowship" with God. But if they walk in darkness, they lie and do not tell the truth. [For, this fellowship of which we speak is not a vain expression. It is literal communion with God. And, if you have once received this fellowship, it will change your life forever.]	[So] if we say we are partakers together and enjoy fellowship with Him when we live and move and are walking about in darkness, we are [both] speaking falsely and do not live and practice the Truth [which the Gospel presents]. (AMP)
I John 1:7 And if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and know each other as we are known. [We will see our sins and freely repent of them, confessing them to one another, and forsaking them.] The shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us sin, [for knowing that he forgives us, makes it possible for us to forgive ourselves and one another and not hide our sins and pretend that we have no sin.]	But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations]. (AMP)
I John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, then we are committing the greatest sin of all because we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.	If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we delude and lead ourselves astray, and the Truth [which the Gospel presents] is not in us [does not dwell in our hearts]. (AMP)
I John 1:9 But, if we confess our sins, the Lord, the Faithful one, forgives us our sins, and cleanses us from all unrighteousness, so we can walk uprightly and judge righteous judgment.	If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action]. (AMP)
I John 1:10 But, if we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. For if his word was in us, we would freely come to the light that our sins may be made known, that we might repent of them.	If we say (claim) we have not sinned, we contradict His Word and make Him out to be false and a liar, and His Word is not in us [the divine message of the Gospel is not in our hearts]. (AMP)
Chapter 2	
I John 2:1 Little children, [and I am calling you little children for such is of the kingdom of heaven, and I love you all as if you were my	My little children, I write you these things so that you may not violate God's law and sin. But if anyone should sin, we have an Advocate (One

<p>little children] I am writing these things to you so that you can avoid these mistakes and not make the biggest mistake of all -which is to deny that you have made mistakes [sins]. But if we sin, know that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ. He is the one who judges us righteously.</p>	<p>Who will intercede for us) with the Father--[it is] Jesus Christ [the all] righteous [upright, just, Who conforms to the Father's will in every purpose, thought, and action]. (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 2:2 He is our mediator with the Father, and he is here to remind us that it is our sins which separate us from the Father, and it is not the will of the Father that any of his children should be lost, but he sends his servants out to seek after that those sheep which were lost in their sins and bring them home safely into the fold. And, not for our sins alone, but for the sins of the whole world.</p>	<p>And He [that same Jesus Himself] is the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins, and not for ours alone but also for [the sins of] the whole world. (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 2:3 Many people who are not familiar with the voice of the Spirit ask "How can I know?" The true answer to this question is to seek the Spirit. Any other answer is not a complete answer, nor an honest answer. But I will give you some tests to use so that you will know how to judge your own progress, until you come to know the Spirit, which will tell you all the things you should do. So, how do we know that we know the Father? We know the Father, if we keep his commandments.</p>	<p>And this is how we may discern [daily, by experience] that we are coming to know Him [to perceive, recognize, understand, and become better acquainted with Him]: if we keep (bear in mind, observe, practice) His teachings (precepts, commandments). (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 2:4 Whoever says "I know him", but doesn't keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.</p>	<p>Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep and obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him. (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 2:5 But whoever keeps his commandments, the love of God is perfected in him, and we will be in him as he is in us, even as he is in Christ and Christ is in him.</p>	<p>But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of and for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him: (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 2:6 If a man says that Christ is in him, then he will do the works of Christ, and walk, even as Christ walked.</p>	<p>Whoever says he abides in Him ought [as a personal debt] to walk and conduct himself in the same way in which He walked and conducted Himself. (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 2:7 Brothers and Sisters, I am not writing any new commandment, but I am reminding you of the same old commandment which we have had from the beginning.</p>	<p>Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the message which you have</p>

	heard [the doctrine of salvation through Christ]. (AMP)
I John 2:8 However, I am writing this to you in a new moment of time, and I ask you consider this command anew, as if you were hearing it for the first time, that your understanding may be enlightened, and that you may live this commandment more completely. The darkness is past and a new light is shining in our midst. Can you see it? Are you walking in it, or are you stumbling around in the darkness?	Yet I am writing you a new commandment, which is true (is realized) in Him and in you, because the darkness (moral blindness) is clearing away and the true Light (the revelation of God in Christ) is already shining. (AMP)
I John 2:9 Whoever says he is walking the light, but esteems his brother as less than himself, or who esteems his brother as greater than himself is, in reality, walking in darkness.	Whoever says he is in the Light and [yet] hates his brother [Christian, born-again child of God his Father] is in darkness even until now. (AMP)
I John 2:10 Whoever loves his brother as himself abides in the light. He does not stumble; nor does he give his brother occasion to stumble.	Whoever loves his brother [believer] abides (lives) in the Light, and in It or in him there is no occasion for stumbling or cause for error or sin. (AMP)
I John 2:11 He who does not walk in the light does not know where he is going because darkness has blinded his eyes.	But he who hates (detests, despises) his brother [in Christ] is in darkness and walking (living) in the dark; he is straying and does not perceive or know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. (AMP)
I John 2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.	I am writing to you, little children, because for His name's sake your sins are forgiven [pardoned through His name and on account of confessing His name]. (AMP)
I John 2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because you have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because you have known the Father.	I am writing to you, fathers, because you have come to know (recognize, be aware of, and understand) Him Who [has existed] from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have been victorious over the wicked [one]. I write to you, boys (lads), because you have come to know (recognize and be aware) of the Father. (AMP)
I John 2:14 I have written unto you, fathers, because you have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.	I write to you, fathers, because you have come to know (recognize, be conscious of, and understand) Him Who [has existed] from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong and vigorous, and the Word of God is [always] abiding in you (in your hearts), and you have been victorious over the wicked one. (AMP)
I John 2:15 Do not love the world or focus your attention on the world or the material things	Do not love or cherish the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. (AMP)

that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.	
I John 2:16 For everything that is in the world, the desires of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.	For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one's own resources or in the stability of earthly things]--these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself]. (AMP)
I John 2:17 The world with all of its lusts and desires is temporary and will pass away, the Father abides forever, and you who are the children of the Father abide forever. Therefore, your desire should be to know his will, and abide in him forever.	And the world passes away and disappears, and with it the forbidden cravings (the passionate desires, the lust) of it; but he who does the will of God and carries out His purposes in his life abides (remains) forever. (AMP)
I John 2:18 Little children, these are the last days, and since you have heard that antichrist shall come, know this that even now there are many antichrists, as was prophesied concerning the latter days.	Boys (lads), it is the last time (hour, the end of this age). And as you have heard that the antichrist [he who will oppose Christ in the guise of Christ] is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen, which confirms our belief that it is the final (the end) time. (AMP)
I John 2:19 These antichrists have gone out from our midst, but they were never really part of us, for if they had been part of us, then they would no doubt have continued with us; but they left us, and made it clear to one and all that they have no part with us.	They went out from our number, but they did not [really] belong to us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us. But [they withdrew] that it might be plain that they all are not of us. (AMP)
I John 2:20 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, for you have an anointing from the Holy One and know the truth of all things. You know that Jesus is the Christ, and you know the Father because that which you have heard from the beginning abides in you. [And those who continue in the Father and the Son, you will come to know them, and will of them receive promise of eternal life.]	But you have been anointed by [you hold a sacred appointment from, you have been given an unction from] the Holy One, and you all know [the Truth] or you know all things. (AMP)
I John 2:21 Our god is a god of truth, and cannot lie, so you can trust in this promise. And you also know that no lie can come from the truth.	I write to you not because you are ignorant and do not perceive and know the Truth, but because you do perceive and know it, and [know positively] that nothing false (no deception, no lie) is of the Truth. (AMP)
I John 2:22 So, who is the greatest liar, and how does he lie? A liar is he who denies these things and worships some other Christ in his place. And this is the spirit of an antichrist.	Who is [such a] liar as he who denies that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah)? He is the antichrist (the antagonist of Christ), who [habitually] denies and refuses to acknowledge the Father and the Son. (AMP)

I John 2:23 Whoever denies the true Christ, the same does not know the Father: but he who acknowledges the true Christ also knows him who sent him.	No one who [habitually] denies (disowns) the Son even has the Father. Whoever confesses (acknowledges and has) the Son has the Father also. (AMP)
I John 2:24 Let that word which you have heard from the beginning remain in you. If that word remains in you, then you also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.	As for you, keep in your hearts what you have heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the first dwells and remains in you, then you will dwell in the Son and in the Father [always]. (AMP)
I John 2:25 And this is the promise that he has promised us -- eternal life.	And this is what He Himself has promised us--the life, the eternal [life]. (AMP)
I John 2:26 Some of those who left us will come back to try to seduce you into following them, in an attempt to justify their own deeds by which they have sought to harm us.	I write this to you with reference to those who would deceive you [seduce and lead you astray]. (AMP)
I John 2:27 But the anointing which you have received of the Spirit, abides in you, and you need not that any man should teach you, for the same anointing of the Spirit teaches you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie. [For you are taught by the Lord, himself] And even as he has taught you, so you should abide in the Spirit.	But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do]. (AMP)
I John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Christ; in order that, when he shall appear, you may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.	And now, little children, abide (live, remain permanently) in Him, so that when He is made visible, we may have and enjoy perfect confidence (boldness, assurance) and not be ashamed and shrink from Him at His coming. (AMP)
I John 2:29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that every one that does righteousness is born of him. So, there is no need to be ashamed, whether you are standing before Christ, himself, or facing our enemies.	If you know (perceive and are sure) that He [Christ] is [absolutely] righteous [conforming to the Father's will in purpose, thought, and action], you may also know (be sure) that everyone who does righteously [and is therefore in like manner conformed to the divine will] is born (begotten) of Him [God]. (AMP)
Chapter 3	
I John 3:1 What marvelous love that the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons and daughters of God! But the world does not know us or understand us, because it does not know or understand God.	See what [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him. (AMP)

I John 3:2 My beloved brothers and sisters, we are now the sons and daughters of God our Father, who sees us as we truly are, even though we cannot see ourselves as who we truly are. But we know this, that when Christ shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall then see him as he is.	Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is. (AMP)
I John 3:3 And it is this hope within each of us that causes us to purify ourselves, even as he is pure. [And what is charity, or the pure love of Christ, except that we love God and esteem our neighbor as ourselves with all our heart, might, mind, and strength? Nothing held back. Nothing wavering.]	And everyone who has this hope [resting] on Him cleanses (purifies) himself just as He is pure (chaste, undefiled, guiltless). (AMP)
I John 3:4 And now, my beloved, I must speak to you in plainness. Whoever commits sin is breaking the law, because sin, by definition, means to break the law.	Everyone who commits (practices) sin is guilty of lawlessness; for [that is what] sin is, lawlessness (the breaking, violating of God's law by transgression or neglect--being unrestrained and unregulated by His commands and His will). (AMP)
I John 3:5 And we know that Christ was manifested to take away our sins, and in him is no sin.	You know that He appeared in visible form and became Man to take away [upon Himself] sins, and in Him there is no sin [essentially and forever]. (AMP)
I John 3:6 Whoever abides in him will not sin, but whoever commits sin has not seen him, neither known him.	No one who abides in Him [who lives and remains in communion with and in obedience to Him--deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] commits (practices) sin. No one who [habitually] sins has either seen or known Him [recognized, perceived, or understood Him, or has had an experiential acquaintance with Him]. (AMP)
I John 3:7 Do not let anybody deceive you. He who does the works of Christ in the spirit of Christ is righteous, even as Christ is righteous.	Boys (lads), let no one deceive and lead you astray. He who practices righteousness [who is upright, conforming to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action, living a consistently conscientious life] is righteous, even as He is righteous. (AMP)
I John 3:8 But he who commits sin is of the devil, because the devil is a sinner from the beginning. For this reason, the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.	[But] he who commits sin [who practices evildoing] is of the devil [takes his character from the evil one], for the devil has sinned (violated the divine law) from the beginning. The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done]. (AMP)
I John 3:9 Whoever is born of God does not commit sin, because the Spirit of Christ abides in him and he cannot sin, because he is born of	No one born (begotten) of God [deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin, for God's nature abides in him [His principle of life,

God, having received that Holy Spirit of Promise.	the divine sperm, remains permanently within him]; and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God. (AMP)
I John 3:10 In this, the children of God are manifest, and so are the children of the devil made manifest. For he who does not do the works of righteousness is not of God. Neither is he that does not love his brother.	By this it is made clear who take their nature from God and are His children and who take their nature from the devil and are his children: no one who does not practice righteousness [who does not conform to God's will in purpose, thought, and action] is of God; neither is anyone who does not love his brother (his fellow believer in Christ). (AMP)
I John 3:11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning -- that we should love one another.	For this is the message (the announcement) which you have heard from the first, that we should love one another, (AMP)
I John 3:12 Do not be like Cain, who was that wicked one, who killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's works were righteous. [Cain killed his brother in order to justify his evil works, that his own works might receive the praise of men, and that his righteous brother's works would be seen no more.]	[And] not be like Cain who [took his nature and got his motivation] from the evil one and slew his brother. And why did he slay him? Because his deeds (activities, works) were wicked and malicious and his brother's were righteous (virtuous). (AMP)
I John 3:13 Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you for the same reason.	Do not be surprised and wonder, brethren, that the world detests and pursues you with hatred. (AMP)
I John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love one another. He, who does not love his brother, remains in death.	We know that we have passed over out of death into Life by the fact that we love the brethren (our fellow Christians). He who does not love abides (remains, is held and kept continually) in [spiritual] death. (AMP)
I John 3:15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.	Anyone who hates (abominates, detests) his brother [in Christ] is [at heart] a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding (persevering) within him. (AMP)
I John 3:16 This is how we can understand the love of God: because he laid down his life for us. And, therefore, to truly manifest the love of Christ we ought to be willing to lay down our lives for one another.	By this we come to know (progressively to recognize, to perceive, to understand) the [essential] love: that He laid down His [own] life for us; and we ought to lay [our] lives down for [those who are our] brothers [in Him]. (AMP)
I John 3:17 But here is a greater test of love, and a test that we can experience every day. Whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how can the love of God abide in him?	But if anyone has this world's goods (resources for sustaining life) and sees his brother and fellow believer in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him, how can the love of God live and remain in him? (AMP)

I John 3:18 My little children, it is too easy to speak of dying for one another -- something which is unlikely that we will ever be called upon to do, but will we pass the test of living for one another? Therefore, let us not love in word, neither in tongue only; but in deed and in truth.	Little children, let us not love [merely] in theory or in speech but in deed and in truth (in practice and in sincerity). (AMP)
I John 3:19 And we will know if we are being honest and truthful with ourselves and with our neighbors if we experience peace in our hearts and in our conscience.	By this we shall come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we are of the Truth, and can reassure (quiet, conciliate, and pacify) our hearts in His presence, (AMP)
I John 3:20 And if our heart accuses us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows all things.	Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] For He is above and greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him]. (AMP)
I John 3:21 Beloved, if our hearts are pure, we can approach God in confidence, knowing that	And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God, (AMP)
I John 3:22 whatever we ask of him we will receive, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.	And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey His orders [observe His suggestions and injunctions, follow His plan for us] and [habitually] practice what is pleasing to Him. (AMP)
I John 3:23 And this is his commandment, that we should exercise faith in the Name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. Whoever keeps his commandments dwells in him, and he in them.	And this is His order (His command, His injunction): that we should believe in (put our faith and trust in and adhere to and rely on) the name of His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and that we should love one another, just as He has commanded us. (AMP)
I John 3:24 And the way that we can know that he abides in us, is by the Spirit which he has given us.	All who keep His commandments [who obey His orders and follow His plan, live and continue to live, to stay and] abide in Him, and He in them. [They let Christ be a home to them and they are the home of Christ.] And by this we know and understand and have the proof that He [really] lives and makes His home in us: by the [Holy] Spirit Whom He has given us. (AMP)
Chapter 4	
I John 4:1 Beloved, there are many false prophets going out in the world, and there are many false spirits guiding them and would gladly guide you if they could. Do not believe every spirit or every teacher who comes to you,	Beloved, do not put faith in every spirit, but prove (test) the spirits to discover whether they proceed from God; for many false prophets have gone forth into the world. (AMP)

but test the spirits to see whether they are of God	
I John 4:2 Here's the test to determine the true Spirit of God: Every spirit that teaches the words of Christ which you have already received and who testifies that Jesus Christ, (who is and was and is to come in the flesh), is of God, is a true Spirit sent from God.	By this you may know (perceive and recognize) the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges and confesses [the fact] that Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [actually] has become man and has come in the flesh is of God [has God for its source]; (AMP)
I John 4:3 But any spirit which does not teach you the Doctrine of Christ and does not bear this same testimony is the spirit of antichrist, a substitute for Christ, which you have heard should come; and even now already is in the world.	And every spirit which does not acknowledge and confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh [but would annul, destroy, sever, disunite Him] is not of God [does not proceed from Him]. This [nonconfession] is the [spirit] of the antichrist, [of] which you heard that it was coming, and now it is already in the world. (AMP)
I John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome these evil spirits and false teachers: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.	Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world. (AMP)
I John 4:5 They who are of the world have been overcome of the world: They speak about the world and the things in the world, and the world gladly listens to them.	They proceed from the world and are of the world; therefore it is out of the world [its whole economy morally considered] that they speak, and the world listens (pays attention) to them. (AMP)
I John 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God listens to our message, but he who is not of God will not listen to us. And this is the way to tell the difference between the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.	We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, and to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of God does not listen or pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error. (AMP)
I John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, even charity, or the pure love of Christ; and every person who loves with the love of Christ is born of God, and knows God.	Beloved, let us love one another, for love is (springs) from God; and he who loves [his fellowmen] is begotten (born) of God and is coming [progressively] to know and understand God [to perceive and recognize and get a better and clearer knowledge of Him]. (AMP)
I John 4:8 But he who does not love, does not know God; for God is love.	He who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him], for God is love. (AMP)
I John 4:9 The Father manifested his love for us because he sent us his only begotten into the world, that through him we might have life eternal.	In this the love of God was made manifest (displayed) where we are concerned: in that God sent His Son, the only begotten or unique

	[Son], into the world so that we might live through Him. (AMP)
I John 4:10 This is godly love in that although we did not yet know him or love him, yet he sent his Son to save the world from sin, knowing that the world would not receive him, but would reject him and kill him.	In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins. (AMP)
I John 4:11 If the Father can love us so greatly, we ought also to love one another.	Beloved, if God loved us so [very much], we also ought to love one another. (AMP)
I John 4:12 No man has seen God at any time, except those who have faith. If we love one another, the Father dwells in us, and his love is perfected in us.	No man has at any time [yet] seen God. But if we love one another, God abides (lives and remains) in us and His love (that love which is essentially His) is brought to completion (to its full maturity, runs its full course, is perfected) in us! (AMP)
I John 4:13 And we know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.	By this we come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we abide (live and remain) in Him and He in us: because He has given (imparted) to us of His [Holy] Spirit. (AMP)
I John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.	And [besides] we ourselves have seen (have deliberately and steadfastly contemplated) and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son [as the] Savior of the world. (AMP)
I John 4:15 Whoever bears this testimony, speaking with authority and pure knowledge [Has stood in the Presence of Christ], that Jesus is the Son of God, then God dwells in him, and he in God.	Anyone who confesses (acknowledges, owns) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he [abides, lives, makes his home] in God. (AMP)
I John 4:16 We have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God dwells in him.	And we know (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience) and believe (adhere to and put faith in and rely on) the love God cherishes for us. God is love, and he who dwells and continues in love dwells and continues in God, and God dwells and continues in him. (AMP)
I John 4:17 And we will know that our love is made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, and have no fear of torment or embarrassment when we are called to account for our deeds done in the flesh. Because as he is, so are we in this world.	In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment [with assurance and boldness to face Him], because as He is, so are we in this world. (AMP)
I John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear. He who fears is not made perfect in love.	There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not

	reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection]. (AMP)
I John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.	We love Him, because He first loved us. (AMP)
I John 4:20 If a man says, 'I love God', but hates his brother, he is a liar: for if he does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?	If anyone says, I love God, and hates (detests, abominates) his brother [in Christ], he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, Whom he has not seen. (AMP)
I John 4:21 And this is the commandment, which have we received from him: he who loves God loves his brother also.	And this command (charge, order, injunction) we have from Him: that he who loves God shall love his brother [believer] also. (AMP)
Chapter 5	
I John 5:1 Whoever has faith that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loves him that begat loves him also that is begotten of him.	Everyone who believes (adheres to, trusts, and relies on the fact) that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah) is a born-again child of God; and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of Him (His offspring). (AMP)
I John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.	By this we come to know (recognize and understand) that we love the children of God: when we love God and obey His commands (orders, charges) -- [when we keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and His teaching]. (AMP)
I John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not burdensome, [though they are strict and exacting].	For the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous). (AMP)
I John 5:4 And whoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.	For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith. (AMP)
I John 5:5 Who is able to overcome the world except he that has faith that Jesus is the Son of God?	Who is it that is victorious over [that conquers] the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on that fact]? (AMP)
I John 5:6 For he has shown us the way, and through faith on his Name, we shall overcome and sit down on his throne, even as he overcame and is sat down on his Father's throne. This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that bears witness with our spirit, because the Spirit is truth.	This is He Who came by (with) water and blood [His baptism and His death], Jesus Christ (the Messiah) -- not by (in) the water only, but by (in) the water and the blood. And it is the [Holy] Spirit Who bears witness, because the [Holy] Spirit is the Truth. (AMP)

I John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.	So there are three witnesses in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are One; (AMP)
I John 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.	and there are three witnesses on the earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree [are in unison; their testimony coincides]. (AMP)
I John 5:9 We can receive the testimony of men through their words, but the testimony of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he has testified of his Son.	If we accept [as we do] the testimony of men [if we are willing to take human authority], the testimony of God is greater (of stronger authority), for this is the testimony of God, even the witness which He has borne regarding His Son. (AMP)
I John 5:10 Whoever exercises faith on the Son of God by doing his works has this witness within himself from the Spirit. For him that does not have faith in God, makes God out to be a liar, for unto such, the promises of God are not extended, because he does not believe the witness that God gave of his Son.	He who believes in the Son of God [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] has the testimony [possesses this divine attestation] within himself. He who does not believe God [in this way] has made Him out to be and represented Him as a liar, because he has not believed (put his faith in, adhered to, and relied on) the evidence (the testimony) that God has borne regarding His Son. (AMP)
I John 5:11 And this is the testimony that God has given to us: eternal life , and this life is in his Son.	And this is that testimony (that evidence): God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. (AMP)
I John 5:12 It's as simple as this: he that has the Son has life; and he that does not have the Son of God does not have life.	He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life. (AMP)
I John 5:13 I have written these things to you who have faith on the Name of the Son of God; that you may know that ye have eternal life, and that you will continue to believe on the Name of the Son of God.	I write this to you who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) the name of the Son of God [in the peculiar services and blessings conferred by Him on men], so that you may know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that you [already] have life, yes, eternal life. (AMP)
I John 5:14 And we have this confidence, that if we ask anything according to his will, he will hear us.	And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. (AMP)
I John 5:15 And we know that whatsoever we ask, according to his will, our petition will be granted.	And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him. (AMP)

<p>I John 5:16 Now, to work righteousness is to judge correct judgment. To work unrighteousness is to err in judgment, and such is sin -- a mistake that needs correction. If the Spirit of God abide in us, we can see clearly to correct our mistakes, so that we do not grieve the Spirit and sin unto death.</p>	<p>If anyone sees his brother [believer] committing a sin that does not [lead to] death (the extinguishing of life), he will pray and [God] will give him life [yes, He will grant life to all those whose sin is not one leading to death]. There is a sin [that leads] to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 5:17 And, if we see a brother commit a sin which is not a sin unto death, we should help to bear his burden and pray for him, that he may repent and come back into life and light, and again partake in our fellowship.</p>	<p>All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin which does not [involve] death [that may be repented of and forgiven]. (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; and he who is begotten of God keeps himself unspotted from the world, and that wicked one cannot touch him.</p>	<p>We know [absolutely] that anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the One Who was begotten of God carefully watches over and protects him [Christ's divine presence within him preserves him against the evil], and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him or touch [him]. (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 5:19 And we know that we are of the Father, and the whole world lies in wickedness because they do not come to the Christ, that he may draw them to the Father.</p>	<p>We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one. (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come to us, and has given us knowledge, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.</p>	<p>And we [have seen and] know [positively] that the Son of God has [actually] come to this world and has given us understanding and insight [progressively] to perceive (recognize) and come to know better and more clearly Him Who is true; and we are in Him Who is true--in His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah). This [Man] is the true God and Life eternal. (AMP)</p>
<p>I John 5:21 Little children, keep away from idols. Amen.</p>	<p>Little children, keep yourselves from idols (false gods)--[from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life]. Amen (so let it be) (AMP)</p>