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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

Without these Three, this work would never have been possible.

CHAPTER 1

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1 [That] which was from [the] beginning, [that] which we have heard, [that] which we have seen with our eyes, [that] which we looked at and our hands touched, concerning the Word of life
 2 (and the life was revealed, and we have seen and bear witness to and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was revealed to us);
 3 [that] which we have seen and have heard we proclaim to you, in order that you also may have fellowship with us; but also our fellowship [is] with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
 4 And we are writing these [things] to you, in order that your joy may be made complete.
 5 Now this is the message which we have heard from him and proclaim to you, namely, that God is light, and no darkness whatsoever is in him.
 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him but walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;
 7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.
 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just that he should forgive us [our] sins and cleanse¹ us from all unrighteousness.
 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him out [to be] a liar, and his word is not in us.

1) or, "with the result that he forgives us [our] sins and cleanses"

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen [it], and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship [is] with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.
 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.
 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
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1 My little children, I am writing these [things] to you, in order that you may not sin; but if any [man] does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ [the] righteous [one],
 2 and he himself is [the] propitiation for our sins; and not only for ours, but also for the whole world.
 3 Now by this we know that we know him: if we keep his commandments.
 4 He who says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in this [man];
 5 but whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly made perfect in this [man]. By this we know that we are in him.
 6 He who says that [he] remains in him ought himself, just as that [man] walked, also to walk in this manner.
 7 Brothers, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from [the] beginning; the old commandment is the word which you heard from [the] beginning.
 8 On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.
 9 He who says that [he] is in the light but hates his brother has been in the darkness until now.
 10 He who loves his brother remains in the light, and no cause for stumbling is in him;
 11 but he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness blinded his eyes.
 12 I am writing to you, little children, because [your] sins are forgiven you on account of his name;
 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him [who has been] from the beginning; I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil [one]; I am writing to you, children, because you know the Father;
 14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know him who [has been] from the beginning; I have written to you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God remains in you and you have overcome the evil [one].
 15 Do not love the world or those [things which are] in the world. If any [man] loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him,
 16 because everything [which is] in the world—the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life¹—does not come from the Father, but comes from the world.
 17 And the world is passing away, and its lust; but he who does the will of God remains for eternity.

1) or, "goods"

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for [the sins of] the whole world.
 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.
 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.
 7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.
 8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.
 9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.
 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.
 12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.
 13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him [that is] from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.
 14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him [that is] from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.
 15 Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
 16 For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

18 Children, it is [the] last hour, and just as you heard that the antichrist was coming, so now many antichrists have appeared; from which fact we know that it is [the] last hour.

19 They went out from us, but they were not part of us, for if they had been part of us, they would have remained with us; but [they went out], with the result that they are made known that they all are not part of us.

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy [One], and you know all [things].

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it and that² no lie comes from the truth.

22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This [man] is the antichrist: he who denies the Father and the Son.

23 Every man who denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

24 Therefore you, [that] which you heard from [the] beginning, let it remain in you. If [that] which you heard from [the] beginning remains in you, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.

25 Now this is the promise which he promised us: eternal life.

26 These [things] I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

27 And you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you do not have a need that any [man] should teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you about all [things] and is true and is not a lie, and just as it taught you, you will remain in him.

28 And now, little children, remain in him, in order that, when he is revealed, we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming.

29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that every man who practices righteousness is begotten by him.

2) or, "because"

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would [no doubt] have continued with us: but [they went out], that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also].

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, [even] eternal life.

26 These [things] have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

CHAPTER 3

1 See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be called [the] children of God. Because of this the world does not know us, because it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are [the] children of God now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed; but we know that if he¹ should be revealed, we will be like him, because we will see him just as he is.

3 And every man who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as that [man] is pure.

4 Every man who commits sin also commits lawlessness; indeed sin is lawlessness.

5 And you know that that [man] was revealed in order that he might take away our sins, and no sin is in him.

6 Every man who remains in him does not sin; every man who sins has not seen him and does not know him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you: he who practices righteousness is righteous, just as that [man] is righteous;

8 he who commits sin is from the devil, because the devil has been sinning from [the] beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, namely, that he should destroy the works of the devil.

9 Every man who is begotten by God does not commit sin, because his seed remains in him; and he is not able to sin, because he is begotten by God.

10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are evident: every man who does not practice righteousness is not from God, and he who does not love his brother.

11 For this is the message which you heard from [the] beginning, namely, that we should love one another,

12 not as Cain, [who was]² from the evil [one] and slew his brother; and for what reason³ did he slay him? Because his works were evil, and the [works] of his brother [were] righteous.

13 Do not marvel, my brothers, if the world hates you.

14 We know that we have passed from death into life because we love the brothers; he who does not love [his] brother remains in death.

15 Every man who hates his brother is a man-killer, and you know that no man-killer has eternal life remaining in him.

16 By this we know the love of God, namely, that that [man] laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down [our] lives for the brothers.

1) or, "it"

2) lit, "he was"

3) lit, "because of what"

CHAPTER 3

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, [who] was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not [his] brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby perceive we the love [of God], because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down [our] lives for the brethren.

1 JOHN 3, 4

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17 But whoever has the goods of the world and sees his brother having need and closes his heart⁴ against him, how does the love of God remain in him?

18 My little children, let us not love by word or by tongue, but by deed and by truth.

19 And by this we know that we are from the truth, and so we will pacify⁵ our hearts before him,

20 because if our heart condemns [us], [it is] because God is greater than our heart and knows all [things].

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God;

22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do those things which are pleasing before him.

23 And this is his commandment, namely, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he gave commandment to us.

24 And he who keeps his commandments remains in him and he in him. And by this we know that he remains in us: by the Spirit whom he gave us.

CHAPTER 4

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in [the] flesh is from God,

3 and every spirit which does not acknowledge that Jesus Christ has come in [the] flesh is not from God; and this is the [spirit] of the antichrist, which you have heard that was coming and now is already in the world.

4 You are from God, little children, and you have overcome them, because he [who is] in you is greater than he [who is] in the world.

5 They are from the world; because of this they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

6 We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; [he] who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and every man who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

8 He who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

9 By this the love of God was revealed among¹ us, namely, that God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world, so that we should live through him.

10 By this is love, namely, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son [as] a propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us.

13 By this we know that we remain in him and he in us, namely, that he has given us out of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son [as] Savior of the world.

15 Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God.

16 And we know and believe in the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who remains in love remains in God and God in him.

17 By this love is made perfect with us, with the result that we have confidence on the day of judgment, because just as that [man] is, so are we in this world.

18 No fear is in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment, and he who fears is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him because he first loved us.

20 If any [man] says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how is he able to love God whom he has not seen?

21 And this commandment we have from him, namely, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

CHAPTER 3
4) lit, "inward parts"

5) or, "convince"

CHAPTER 4

1) or, "in"

2) or, "[his]"

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17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels [of compassion] from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, [then] have we confidence toward God.

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

CHAPTER 4

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son [to be] the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

CHAPTER 5

1 Every man who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and every man who loves him who begets also loves him who is begotten by him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, namely, that we should keep his commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome,

4 because everything which is begotten by God overcomes the world; and this is the victory which overcomes the world: our faith.

5 Who is he who overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he who came through water and blood: Jesus the Christ; not by the water only, but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is he who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

7 For those who bear witness in heaven are three: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one;

8 and those which bear witness in the earth are three: the spirit, and the water, and the blood, and the three agree with the one.

9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, because this is the testimony of God to which he has borne witness concerning his Son

10 (He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; he who does not believe God has made him out [to be] a liar, because he does not believe in the testimony to which God has borne witness concerning his Son);

11 and this is the testimony, namely, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 These [things] I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life and in order that you may continually believe in the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence which we have toward him, namely, that if we ask for any[thing] according to his will, he listens to us.

15 And if we know that he listens to us [in regard to] whatever we ask for, we know that we have the requests for which we have asked from him.

16 If any [man] should see his brother sinning with a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and he will give him life, to those who commit a sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should ask about that [sin].

17 All unrighteousness is sin, but there is a sin not leading to death.

18 We know that every man who is begotten by God does not sin, but he who is begotten by God keeps himself, and the evil [one] does not touch him.

19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the evil [one].

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, in order that we may know the true [one]; and we are in the true [one], in his Son Jesus Christ. This [man] is the true God and the eternal life.

21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols. Amen.

CHAPTER 5

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 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 beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; [and] he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin [which is] not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

19 [And] we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, 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.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.