

# No Darkness At All

Studies from the  
Epistles of John

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# VERSE FOR THE JOURNEY

- **1 John 1:5-7** This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light**, and in Him there is **no darkness at all**. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- **1 John 2:15-16** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

# DEVIL'S INFILTRATION

- Worldliness isn't only external behavior; it is also an attitude of the heart
  1. lust of the flesh (unredeemed)
  2. lust of the eyes--part of body that communicates/brain
  3. boastful pride of life
- **Genesis 3:6** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
  1. good for food (lust of the flesh)
  2. delight to the eyes (lust of the eyes)
  3. desirable for wisdom (boastful pride of life)

# DIDN'T END WITH EVE

- **Matthew 4:3** And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." (Lust of the flesh)
- **Matthew 4:8-9** Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." (Lust of the eyes)
- **Matthew 4:5-6** Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written,; and "HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU 'ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE." (Boastful pride of life)

# THE WORLD WILL END

- **1 John 2:17-18** The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. Children, it is the last hour; (is passing by)
- **2 Peter 3:3-7** Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

# ANTICHRIST

- **1 John 2:18-20** Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.
- Antichrist: *antichristos*: against Christ or in place of Christ
- There are many now who set themselves up as Christ
- Some of these had been considered a part of the church
- **2 Corinthians 1:21-22** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave *us* the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

# TRUTH TEST

- **1 John 2:21-22** I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.
- Liars say Jesus isn't the Messiah
- The antichrist denies the Father and Son relationship
- **Revelation 13:2-3** And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like *those* of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. *I saw* one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed *and followed* after the beast;
- In Revelation 13, we see Satan's false trinity set up

# DEADLY DENIAL

- **1 John 2:23-24** Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.
- Abide: *meno*: to endure; to stand the test
- **Revelation 19:20-21** And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

# ANOINTING

- **1 John 2:25-27** This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life. These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.
- In the past 2000 years, there have been several religious movements claiming no need for any sort of teaching based on this section of 1 John
- Is that the entire counsel of God's Word?
- God's anointing will reveal the deception

# ABOUT TEACHING

- **Hebrews 5:11-12** Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.
- **1 Corinthians 12:28** And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues.
- **2 Timothy 2:2,24** The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also... The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,

# THEN WHAT DID HE MEAN?

- **Titus 1:10-11** For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not *teach* for the sake of sordid gain.
- **2 Peter 2:1-3** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

# USING DISCERNMENT

- **Philippians 1:8-11** For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.
- You have been told the truth already; you don't need people to try to tell you another truth
- If false teachers claim to be teaching new truth, the discernment provided by the Holy Spirit tells you not to believe it; the Spirit reinforces what you have heard