



Letters Of Love

**Overhead Charts Used For Studies
in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John**

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"Truths" That Determine Fellowship With God

1 Jn. 1:5 - 2:2

- ① God's holy character 1:5**
- ② Our efforts to live as He directs 1:6-7**
- ③ A recognition of our own sinfulness 1:8-9**
- ④ An admission of our past sinfulness 1:10**
- ⑤ Our need of an Advocate 2:1-2**

“Tests” Of & “Perils” To Maintaining Fellowship With God 1 Jn. 2:3-24

“Tests” of Fellowship 1 Jn 2:3-11

- ① Obedience to His will 2:3-6**
 - keeping His word
 - abiding in Him, walking in His steps

- ② Loving other followers of Him 2:7-11**
 - an “old,” yet “new” commandment

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“Perils” to Fellowship 1 Jn 2:15-24

① Worldliness 2:15-17

- loving the world prevents loving God
- the world, its things, are passing away

② “Antichrist” 2:18-24

- anyone who denies the Father & the Son



Who Is The “Antichrist”?

1 Jn 2:18-24

- ❶ Anyone refusing apostolic authority **v. 19**
- ❷ Anyone denying Jesus is the Messiah, and that He came to earth **vv. 22-23 4:3**

Loving The Brethren

1 Jn. 3:10-16

Cain

- ✓ An example of hate
- ✓ Killed out of selfishness

Christ

- ✓ An example of love
- ✓ Died out of unselfishness

If we are to avoid the hate which motivated Cain, we must adopt the love which influenced Christ.

Testing The Spirits

1 Jn. 4:1-6

Test # 1

- Confessing that Jesus Christ has come into the world **vv. 2-3**
 - because of Docetic gnosticism

Test # 2

- Listening to the apostles **v. 6**

Loving The Brethren

1 Jn. 4:7-21

- ① It shows true sonship in God vv. 7-11
- ② It determines fellowship with God
vv. 12-16
- ③ It provides assurance vv. 17-19
- ④ Application vv. 20-21

Witnesses For Christ

1 Jn. 5:8-12

- ① **The Spirit** >>>➔ **the Holy Spirit**
- ② **The water** >>>➔ **His baptism**
- ③ **The blood** >>>➔ **His crucifixion**



**Their testimony agrees or harmonizes,
and is perpetual or constant, not just
pertaining to past events.**

“SIN” and “DEATH”

1 Jn. 5:16

- ① All sin leads to death Rom 6:23**
- ② All sin is lawlessness 1 Jn 3:4**
- ③ All sin is unrighteousness 1 Jn 5:17**
- ④ All sin must be confessed 1 Jn 1:9**
- ⑤ “Life” and “Death” must correspond 1 Jn 5:16
cp. 5:12 3:14-15**
- ⑥ The context is prayer 1 Jn 5:13-17**

“SIN” and “DEATH”

1 Jn. 5:16

- ◆ **Based on these facts, what is “sin not unto death” & what is “sin unto death”?**
 - **“Sin not unto death” = repented of sin**
 - **“Sin unto death” = unrepented of sin, sin still separating one from fellowship with God**
- ◆ **Why pray for the brother who repents of sin?**

cp. Jas 5:16

HOW IMPORTANT DOES GOD VIEW FELLOWSHIP?

- ◉ ***Always***, fellowship with Him should be sought [Theme of 1st Jn]
- ◉ ***Sometimes***, fellowship should not be extended that has been [2nd Jn 9-11]
- ◉ ***Sometimes***, fellowship that has been denied should be extended [3rd Jn 5-10]