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Warning: Contents may empower believers in changing the world through the Love of Christ. Must be handled with extreme care!

First John Correction

The Gospels Connection

I John 1:1

The beginning of I John starts out with a similar statement to that of the Gospel of John. The reason? Simple, the Gospel of John was written by the same person. The importance at the beginning of I John is the same as that of the Gospel account in that it shows Christ as existing with God and in the Godhead.

Further understanding

When the Godhead is mentioned, it is referring to three personalities, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (or in the earlier translations such as the King James Version, the Holy Ghost), in one eternal (or always in existence, never having a beginning or an end) being. The Godhead of God can also be referred to as Triune in nature, meaning three in one (tri-three and -une - one), or simply Trinity. As we progress through I John and the rest of our group study, the roles and characteristics of the Godhead will be further clarified as well as their oneness.

The Human Connection

I John 1:1-4

Not only was Jesus God (and still is), but He also was fully man. This is a concept that will be shown over and over again in this book and the Gospels.

The Metaphorical Connection

1 John 1:5-10

One metaphor or literary symbol that is used throughout the Bible is light vs. darkness. What does it mean? It is talking about the Kingdom of God as a Kingdom of Light to which all believers in Jesus belong, and darkness is in reference to the Satanic Kingdom which is the of Hatred (the opposite of Love). Understand though, that this is the basic metaphor and it is expanded in different cases to include more things. In this passage it is homing in on truth, but please remember that Truth does not operate outside of who God is and He is essentially Love and therefore cannot be untruthful.

The Cross Connection

I John 1:7-10

Throughout the Gospels we can notice the connection with the life of the believer and the cross, thus the sacrifice, of Jesus Christ. We are what is called justified by faith in His sacrifice. Justification is simply being reconciled to God and thus being transferred from death (which is what the Justice of God demanded for punishment for our sins) into life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in whom we believe.

[Word Link](#)



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Unrighteousness is all the wrong that we have done and we are unrighteous by choosing to not show love to God or to others in every thought and action that we do or have.

Chapter 2

The Age Connection

Throughout I John there is reference to different “ages” in Christ. The three ages are little children young men and fathers. Little children are those who have recently come to Christ or those who still have not grown up enough in Christ to not be continually given the word of God bit by bit, and who find it hard to stand against the Enemy, Satan when he tempts them to depart from the Love of God. Young Men are those who have gotten quite a foundation on which to stand in their walk with God, but still are not leaders. The fathers are those who teach the Word of God and lead those who are still forming their foundation in their faith as well as they serve to mentor the young men.

The Advocate Connection

I John 2:1-2

An advocate is a lawyer or one who pleads your case before a Justice. Jesus is our Advocate before His Father and he like I said before justifies us. So Jesus both justifies us and shows our justification before God the Father. Without Him we could not be righteous but by living in Him, by living in His Kingdom of Love, we can be called righteous.

Word Link

What is propitiation? Propitiation is in I John the atoning sacrifice. What? Propitiation is the sacrifice in the New Testament of Jesus Christ, who saves us from the fate that would be for us if God the Father executed his justice on us. The justice of God demanded death or everlasting (never ending) separation from God (Love) in Hell, but Jesus stepped in to justify us by His sacrifice and shed blood on the cross. Before Christ people had an atoning sacrifice, or a sacrifice which pardons us from the wrath or justice of God, made which would serve to, at least for awhile, take away the wrath of God off from the people, who gave an animal sacrifice to the priest in Jerusalem. Thankfully because of Jesus Christ we do not need that anymore!

Commandment Connection

I John 2:4-11

I have talked about Love and how that if we love in our thoughts and actions we are obeying God. Well I want to give you one of the commandments that Jesus gave and one that is both in I John and the Gospels - love one another. The other commandment which Jesus gave was to love God with all that is within you. Jesus said Himself that these commandments are what the Law and the Prophets in the Books of the Old Testament hang. I will give you the basic ten commandments that the before mentioned two commandments sustain. In order to serve God and be in His Kingdom, you must obey Him, now that does not mean that you never disobey, but a believer on Jesus Christ cannot live a lifestyle of constant disobedience in a certain area, without the possibility of that separating them eventually from God.

Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:3-17: Note: Thou = you, shalt = approx. must, mercy=overlooking wrongdoing, iniquity =sin honour = encompasses also respect, covet = lust, saying God’s name in a disrespectful or casual way - taking the name of the LORD in vain, LORD is another name of God

Commandment 1: Thou shalt have no other gods before me.



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Commandment 2: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Commandment 3: Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Commandment 4: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Commandment 5: Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Commandment 6: Thou shalt not kill.

Commandment 7: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Commandment 8: Thou shalt not steal.

Commandment 9: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Commandment 10: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Concept Connection

1 John 2:13-15

When John talks about the evil one, He is talking about Satan. Satan has a Kingdom, like has been said before, and that Kingdom is of this world. What? The world in the Bible is mostly talking about the wickedness that has been accepted by people and came from Satan originally as a result of Adams rebellion in the Garden of Eden by disobeying God's direct commandment. We now through Jesus Christ have authority over Satan.

Hope Connection

1 John 2:17-19

The world, as explained above, passes away because it is founded on things that will pass away and be removed, but because God is eternal our hope and life with Him in His eternal Kingdom will never pass away. The world will have those that John calls antichrists,. Those are people who obey Satan in diverting people away from Christ by teaching things contrary to the Bible, God's Word. John was dealing with people who did just that. They were teaching that Jesus had not come as a man in the flesh, but in an angelic like state, and thus could not know what it was like to be a human. This of course was not true, but this belief was trying to take people away from the Gospel, or Good News, that Jesus had taught.

The Truth Connection

1 John 2:20-29

When John talks about an unction from the Holy One, he is talking about the true Gospel of Jesus Christ as the standard of truth. If anyone complicates the Gospel any more than that they



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are not of Him, but are against Him. For whoever is not for Him is against Him. The truth is true teachers or preachers of the Gospel are simply helping people to take a look at the Scriptures and serve as an instrument for the Holy Spirit to speak His Word through. The Holy Spirit should always be the teacher and the Word of God, the Bible, the curriculum. Anything that draws attention away from the Word of God, by misrepresenting it is false, and they are false teachers. As time goes on in your walk with Christ, God will give you discernment in knowing who or what is representing God and who or what is diverting attention away from Him. He also gives us His Word, which the Holy Spirit teaches us out of. Truth never lies!

The Coming Connection

I John 2:28-29

Jesus Christ has lived on this earth, died, and risen again, but one day, He will come back for His Church, those who believe and obey Him. His Coming will be in two stages, one referred to as the Rapture and the other the Revelation. He is coming in the Rapture in the clouds for His Church and will not be seen by those on earth. In the Rapture, the church will be caught up to meet Him in the air and will be taken to Heaven to be with Him until the Revelation. The Revelation is when Jesus will come back to earth and set up His Kingdom for 1000 years, after a brief revolt against His Kingdom on earth, He will create a “new earth” because the old earth will be burned up with fire, and the surface will become different, then He will send Heaven down to earth and we will reign in His Kingdom on earth, forever and ever. Please understand though that we do have a Kingdom within us because Jesus is in us because we are believers in Him; He just has not had His Kingdom on earth yet. You will learn more about His Second Coming as we progress through the Gospel accounts.

Chapter 3

Sons and Daughters of God Connection

I John 3:1

As believers we have Jesus living in us and through us. Since that is true that we are in Christ and He in us, then we have become God the Fathers children. However, so you do not get confused, in this instance John is trying to make a direct parallel with Jesus being in the Father and us now because of our inclusion in Jesus, we are now called according to His Son’s name and as such are His Sons.

Vocabulary Connection

I John 3:4-17

Transgression is disobedience to the law or the in other words, the commandments of God. Manifested is appearing. Now in the sense of Jesus Christ being manifested it is talking about His first appearance on earth. We as Christians, (believers, children of God, etc.) are manifested as such through our thoughts and actions. Death is a metaphor of separation from God and Life is the Life that we now live through Jesus Christ. Bowels is not a physical thing in this context, but the ability or capacity to show love.

Our Sacrifice Connection

I John 3:16

Just as Jesus put others before Himself, so must we, that is in essence what this verse is talking about, not just the



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possibility of laying your life down physically for another brother or sister in Christ, but laying your life down by serving them rather your own interests or needs.

Chapter 4

Spiritual Confrontation Connection

4:1-3

The truth is that we do not war or confront evil by confronting people, because the evil is not coming from people, but its root is from the Satanic Kingdom, the Kingdom of Darkness that wants to destroy humankind and prevent them from coming to Jesus Christ.

Chapter 5

Question Connection

I John 5:6-8

Think about what the water, and the blood is referring to. We should have discussion about this together, later on when the group leaders meet with their groups. Please feel free to ask any other relevant questions that are from this or other chapters.