

# 1 John Chapter 4

**Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.** John 17:17

## 1 John 4:1

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

(1 Corinthians 14:27-33

<sup>27</sup>No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say. <sup>28</sup>But if no one is present who can interpret, they must be silent in your church meeting and speak in tongues to God privately.

<sup>29</sup>Let two or three people prophesy, and let the others evaluate what is said. <sup>30</sup>But if someone is prophesying and another person receives a revelation from the Lord, the one who is speaking must stop. <sup>31</sup>In this way, all who prophesy will have a turn to speak, one after the other, so that everyone will learn and be encouraged. <sup>32</sup>Remember that people who prophesy are in control of their spirit and can take turns. <sup>33</sup>For God is not a God of disorder but of peace, as in all the meetings of God's holy people.

Matthew 24:3-8

<sup>3</sup>Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"

<sup>4</sup>Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, <sup>5</sup>for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. <sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. <sup>7</sup>Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. <sup>8</sup>But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.)

## 1 John 4:2

<sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

(1 Corinthians 12:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. <sup>3</sup>So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.)

## 1 John 4:3-4

<sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

<sup>4</sup>You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

### (John 14:27-31

<sup>27</sup>"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.<sup>28</sup>Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. <sup>29</sup>I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe.

<sup>30</sup>"I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, <sup>31</sup>but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let's be going.

### John 16:7-15

<sup>7</sup>But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. <sup>9</sup>The world's sin is that it refuses to believe in me. <sup>10</sup>Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. <sup>11</sup>Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.

<sup>12</sup>"There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now.<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. <sup>14</sup>He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.')

## 1 John 4:5

<sup>5</sup>They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them.

## (John 3:28-35

<sup>28</sup>You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.' <sup>29</sup>It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom's friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success. <sup>30</sup>He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

<sup>31</sup>"He has come from above and is greater than anyone else. We are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but he has come from heaven and is greater than anyone else. <sup>32</sup>He testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them! <sup>33</sup>Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true. <sup>34</sup>For he is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God gives him the Spirit without limit. <sup>35</sup>The Father loves his Son and has put everything into his hands.)

## 1 John 4:6

<sup>6</sup>We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

## (1 Corinthians 2:9-16

<sup>9</sup>That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

<sup>10</sup>But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. <sup>11</sup>No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

<sup>13</sup>When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. <sup>14</sup>But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. <sup>16</sup>For,

"Who can know the LORD'S thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?"

But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.)

## 1 John 4:7-10

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

## (Titus 3:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. <sup>2</sup>They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

<sup>3</sup>Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. <sup>4</sup>But— When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup>He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. <sup>7</sup>Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life. <sup>8</sup>This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

## 1 John 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. <sup>2</sup>He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. <sup>3</sup>And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. <sup>4</sup>If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. <sup>5</sup>But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. <sup>6</sup>Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. <sup>8</sup>Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining.

<sup>9</sup>If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. <sup>10</sup>Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble.)

## 1 John 4:11-12

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

<sup>12</sup>No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

(John 1:16-18

<sup>16</sup>From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.)

## 1 John 4:13

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

(John 14:18-21

<sup>18</sup>No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup>Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.)

## 1 John 4:14

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

(John 1:12-16

<sup>12</sup>But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup>They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

<sup>14</sup>So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

<sup>15</sup>John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'"

<sup>16</sup>From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another.)

## **1 John 4:15**

<sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

(Romans 10:6-11

<sup>6</sup>But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven?' (to bring Christ down to earth). <sup>7</sup>And don't say, 'Who will go down to the place of the dead?' (to bring Christ back to life again)." <sup>8</sup>In fact, it says,

"The message is very close at hand;  
it is on your lips and in your heart."

And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: <sup>9</sup>If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. <sup>11</sup>As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.")

## **1 John 4:16-17**

<sup>16</sup>And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

<sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

(1 John 2:26-29

<sup>26</sup>I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup>But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

<sup>28</sup>And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame.

<sup>29</sup>Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children.)

## **1 John 4:18-19**

<sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup>We love Him because He first loved us.

## (1 John 4:8-12

<sup>8</sup>But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

<sup>9</sup>God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. <sup>10</sup>This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

<sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.)

## 1 John 4:20-21

<sup>20</sup>If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.