



# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

## 1 JOHN 1:1—2:5

LESSON: BLESSINGS OF FORGIVENESS AND NEW LIFE— January 8, 2023

### INTRODUCTION:

The Apostle John of Zebedee is the writer of this Book. He was one of the original twelve, part of the inner circle and known as *"the one that Jesus loved."* This is before being exiled to the Isle of Patmos. <sup>1</sup>He had made his home in the city called Ephesus as he wrote this letter. He sent it to the churches in that region. So he spoke to them as if he was speaking to his own children. Christians were scattered throughout the territory. The main problem was failing to stand up for Christ and compromising their faith. False teachers were plentiful and they accelerated the church's downward slide away from the Christian faith. **1.** Some people taught that Jesus was merely a man. They taught that he was not really God. **2.** Some thought that their evil actions did not matter, but said that they loved God. John wrote his letters to put believers back on track, to show the difference between light and darkness, and encourage the church to grow in genuine love for God and each other. And to assure true believers that they possessed Eternal Life and help them know their faith was genuine, so they could enjoy all the benefits of being God's children.

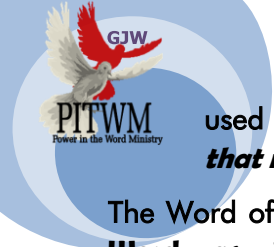
### LESSON: I. THE MANIFESTATION OF THE WORD 1 JOHN 1:1-4

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.) 1:1** **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.** Jesus is that One which was from the beginning. He has always existed. He was even before the world was created or existed! Jesus Christ proved who He is by partaking of human flesh, by becoming a man while being God, and letting people hear, see, look upon, and handle Him.

1. John and the other believers **heard** the Son of God. They heard Him teach and share the glorious news that God loves man, that man can be delivered from sin and death and live forever with God. The twelve apostles and thousands of others not only heard about Him, but the actually heard Him with their ears proclaim the words of life! They themselves spoke to Him. For three years John and the apostles and many others were in constant conversation with Him, listening and hanging onto every word He said.
2. John and the other believers **saw** the Son of God with their own eyes. Men saw Him in the flesh just as they see all other men. He was not a phantom, ghost, or spirit. He was real. He actually partake flesh and blood and became a man. They saw Him with their own eyes.
  - a. They were witnesses of His life upon earth for three years, from baptism by John the Baptist to His resurrection from the dead. They saw all His wonderful works: the healings and miracles and good deeds that He had ministered to people.
  - b. They were eyewitnesses of His majesty.
3. John and the other believers **looked upon** the Son of God. This means more than just seeing Jesus Christ in the human body. The Greek word for *"looked upon"* (etheasametha) means to gaze and look upon for a long time in order to study and understand and grasp. It means to look intensely and earnestly; to grasp the meaning and significance of a person. John and the other apostles and believers looked and gazed upon Jesus in order to study and understand Him; to seek and grasp the meaning and significance of His person. This is the same as reading His Word. You just can't glance at it. You have to intensely and seriously seek to understand.
4. John and the other believers **handled** the Son of God with their hands. The word *"handled"* (epselaphesan) means more than just touching. It means grope and grasp after in order to understand; to handle in order to examine closely. They handled Him with their own hands. It is the same word Jesus

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/1john-lbw.htm>





# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

used in Lk.24:39 to prove that He was not a spirit after His resurrection. ***"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones."***

The Word of Life has appeared in the world of men. John 1:1 says ***"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. 4In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. 14And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us; (and we beheld His glory; the glory of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth."***

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.) 1:2** (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.) Jesus revealed, and manifested (made it evident and visible) of who He was:

1. His life was manifested so it could be seen. The apostles and believers bore witness (testified) of His life.
2. He makes known to them that He has eternal life with the Father, and now is visible unto them.

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.) 1:3** 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. All John is saying is that all they've seen and heard, they're declaring; announcing publicly to believers that they also can share in the same fellowship with them that they're having with both the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. So, therefore...

- We can relate, talk, and share with Him.
- We can cast our cares (problems) upon Him.
- We can trust Him in meeting our needs
- We can ask for strength to conquer the trials and temptations of life.
- We can call upon His name and know He hears and answers.

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.) 1:4** And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. And as they come together in fellowship with like mind and spirit, their joy would be full. When we come together with other believers, our joy overflows and is complete in the Father and the Son! Joy is not of outside pleasures, but it is within us as we have faith in the One who gives it. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. So, John writes, *"Jesus came that our joy may be full."*

## II. THE PRACTICE OF WALKING IN THE LIGHT 1 JOHN 1:5-10

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.) 1:5** 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. Therefore, John says to the believers that the message they've heard and they declare is that ***God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.*** John 1:5 says ***"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."*** Man had brought darkness into the world (by sinning). The life of Christ was the light of man, Christ is the answer to darkness because His Light manifests and illuminates, thereby casting out the darkness. When light shows up, darkness has to flee. The light is His glory! There is no darkness; no spot or blemish in the life of Christ and He is the Deliverer out of sin and darkness.

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.) 1:6** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and not the truth. Fellowship is important, but if we are walking in darkness, we are lying and not telling the truth. This brings us to the first misconception: *We can fellowship with God and walk in darkness.* (A LIE!)

No, Man cannot fellowship with God while walking in darkness. He cannot straddle the fence. And we can't fool God. It is not if you believe in God and half-way do right, No! It is not about you doing good deeds, No, you're lying to yourself. In order to have fellowship with the Son, you must truly acknowledge who Jesus is. God came all the way from heaven in the form of Jesus Christ to show what perfect fellowship looks like. The Father and the Son had perfect fellowship! Jesus constantly showed us, and the Spirit drew us to Him. Before you go to the Father, you must go through the Son. He is the bridge; the way, the truth and the life to the Father, and if you have accepted Jesus as such, then we can go to the next verse. We've come out of darkness to be led by the light of Jesus.





# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

**(1<sup>st</sup>)h.) 1:7 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.** Well you have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. This means we have like spirits and can fellowship with one another. Jesus has the very nature of God, and when we accept who Jesus is, then we have that same light within us. Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin. This part means that there is a penalty for sin because man transgressed against God's law, and the payment was the shed blood of Christ. The law was broken: **1.)** Jesus paid the judgment for us. **2.)** Jesus suffered the punishment for us. **3.)** And Jesus bore the condemnation for us. Since Christ has done all off this, the Believer is to walk in fellowship believing that Jesus died for us and that His blood cleansed us from sin. So, everyday we know that Jesus' blood is always cleansing us from our sins. He's the Only perfect One who can cleanse sin. So what has happened?: **1.)** Jesus actually paid the penalty for our sins, which thereby freed us from the guilt of sin. **2.)** God sees our sins covered by the blood of Christ, and accepts us in Christ. Our sins are forgiven by the blood of God's Only Begotten Son.

**(1<sup>st</sup>)h.) 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.** This brings us to the second misconception: We are not totally sinful and depraved. (A LIE)! We can change our behavior and act responsively. (A LIE)! If that was the case, Jesus didn't have to come, and we are deceiving and fooling ourselves and even lying to ourselves, and the truth is not in us. The lie we're telling ourselves is that we have no sin, thereby excluding Jesus Christ. So, you think your loved one can change himself? No, they need Jesus just like we do!

Rom.3:23 "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God".

Matt.7:21-23 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity".

The problem is not our environment; we just cannot keep from sinning and acting irresponsibly. We sin because there is a root, a nature, a force of sin within us, and to object to what is so clear and visible is to be deceived, to show that the truth is not in us. Remember sin is imperfection. Sin is coming short of the glory of God; that is, God's perfection; we are missing the mark of His glory. Our only perfection is in Christ whether we die to self now, or die and go to heaven to be with God. The Father only sees us in Christ!

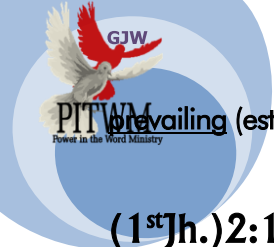
**(1<sup>st</sup>)h.) 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- The truth is that we have to confess our sins and know that God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. He forgives the guilt of sin, and justifies us. He counts the death of Christ as our punishment. When we believe in Jesus Christ and confess our sins, God counts our belief and confession as the guilt which Christ bore. And we stand before God, no longer guilty of sin.
- And He is able "to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" to give us His righteousness! Not a single stain or spot of sin remains on us. We stand before God sinless and perfect, but remember why: because we believe in Jesus Christ and confess that we are sinners who trust the blood of God's Son to cleanse our sins. He will do exactly what He says, because He would be unfaithful and unrighteousness if He did not forgive us.

**(1<sup>st</sup>)h.) 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.** This brings us to the third misconception: We can become righteous and sinless on our own. (A LIE)! Sin is just everywhere, no matter where we turn. We see people mistreating others—criticizing, backbiting and gossiping about them; tearing people down etc. Some think that they are sinless and righteous enough for God to accept them. But we've just had an impure thought. We acted impatiently. Our mind was not the mind of Christ Jesus. We acted selfishly. All of these caused us to miss the mark. Therefore, we therefore deny sin, we make God out to be a liar, and His Word is not







# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

## III. THE TEST OF KNOWING THE CHRIST 1 JOHN 2:1-5

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.)2:1 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:—** Though living in a corruptible and sinful world, and living in bodies of flesh that is so easily aroused and attracted to sin, John writes that they should not sin. *"My little children" (his spiritual children that he's fond of as he takes authority)*, though you struggle and fight against sin, he writes to them: **Sin Not! "Cast down every imagination and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bring it into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" 2Cor.10:5.** John has just told them not to sin, but if any man does sin, he has an "Advocate" (an Attorney) with the Father, and that is, the righteous Jesus Christ! "An Advocate" is someone who is called in to stand by the side of another. The purpose is to help in any way possible. The word "*parakletos*" is used of the Holy Spirit. So, **what give Jesus Christ the right to plead the case of the believer?** Because Jesus Christ is the righteous One, He is the only one who has the right to stand before God. Man must approach God through Jesus Christ. He alone has the right to stand in the court of God as the Advocate or attorney to represent man. Only the Perfect and Ideal Righteousness of Christ has been approved to stand as the Advocate in the court of heaven. This means God will never turn down anyone who has Jesus Christ as his Advocate! **What is it that Jesus Christ pleads?** He pleads His own righteousness!

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.)2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.** "*Propitiation*" means to be a sacrifice, a covering, a satisfaction, a payment, an appeasement for sin. It makes reconciliation between God and man. Man is the one needing reconciliation. Remember God is holy and just. He must execute justice against the sinner. He must judge and condemn sin. His justice must be perfectly satisfied! There is only one way: He must have a Perfect sacrifice to bear punishment for sin and satisfy the justice of God! Man nor an animal can do this. Therefore, Jesus Christ as the Ideal Perfect Man who stepped forward and sacrificed His life for man, and His sacrifice covered **all** men! He accepted the guilt and punishment of sins for all men. And God accepted His death as the Propitiation— the sacrifice, the covering, the satisfaction, the payment, and appeasement! This means that God no longer sees man's sins because Christ covered them. He only sees what Christ has done!

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.)2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.** How do we know if we really know God? John says we do know that we know Him, if we keep God's commandments. We first know God by accepting His Son. Well, it was even hard for the disciples to really know Jesus, until after He had died and was resurrected.

**Jh.14:9a Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.**

**Jh.14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.** Since accepting Jesus, we now have the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Jh.14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.** The Holy Spirit's purpose is to teach and help bring to our remembrance all things that's been taught by Jesus and even more. Our purpose is to come close to be taught by reading. To come close means that you have a personal agenda: and that is to get to know someone.

a. You give affection to... b. you focus your heart and Will (devotion) upon... c. you freely accept who they are. d. you cherish each moment e. you sacrificially give all... f. you commit all to serve. g. Nothing is done half heartedly. **Jh.14:9b He that has seen me, hath seen the Father.**





# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

Secondly, you have to make a choice to choose Him over other things, serve His cause, and keep His commandments.

**1Jh.3:23-24 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. 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.**

By believing in Jesus Christ, we keep His commandments. And by loving one another, we are able to dwell in Him, and He in us because of the Spirit He had given us.

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.)2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

This verse is saying that you're a liar and the truth is not in you if you're saying you know God and don't keep His commandments. You must think God does not see this and hear this. All the people God had killed in the Old Testament were held accountable and did not get away with it. So we think we will get pass the all seeing, knowing, and powerful God? This would be making a false confession, and really not knowing that God is also a God of wrath!

**Matt.7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the Will of my Father which is in heaven.**

**Matt.7:6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esias prophesized of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.**

**Tit.1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable (*destesable*), and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate (*rejected because of evil conduct*).**

**(1<sup>st</sup>Jh.)2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.** The obedient man keeps his Word, knows God, and loves God! All these are tied together. And it is tied to knowing Jesus Christ who came to reveal the Father. And the Spirit reveals the Son. All working as One to make known where we fit in, and how to follow the example left. The more we keep the Word who is Jesus and learn about Him, God's love is perfected in us, thereby we are able to know that we are in Him; living in Him! This means we are establishing a relationship. This becomes a continuing action. It's obedience day by day. And God's drawing action makes you become complete and fulfilled.

## SUMMARY:

### 1 John 1

<sup>2</sup>**Jesus** was from the beginning and His life was with the Father. He became a real man while being God, the Son of God. John and those who believed in the Lord Jesus saw this real life. They heard, seen Him with their own eyes, looked upon Him, and their hands handled Him, the Word of Life! **2**They seen and bore witness to the manifested life of Jesus and declare that His Eternal Life was with the Father and has now appeared to us. **3**This is the third time John tells them of what they have seen and heard. They want them to have the same fellowship with the Father and the Son Jesus Christ. **4**John writes with a purpose that their joy may be full (**1:1-4**).

**5**The message that they have heard and declare is that God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all. John did not invent the message. God is light by nature. As light shines, so God shows Himself. All light comes from God.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/1john-lbw.htm>

<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-versebyverse.html>





# PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

God created it. John uses the word light to mean all that is good, holy and right. This is God's character and He sees all things. There is no darkness in God. **6**Some people may turn from the light. They love darkness more than the light. This is because their actions are evil (John 3:19-21). John now shows how this message should affect our lives. In the next five verses, there are three false things that some people say (verses 6, 8 and 10). After each of these false things, John shows us what the truth is (in 1:7, 9; 2:1). They say that sin does not affect them. So, it does not matter what we do. They say that they are united with God, but they continue to sin. Darkness and light cannot be in unity. Man cannot fellowship with God while walking in darkness. **7**The Lord Jesus gives a new life to those who believe. This life is from God. This life is unity with God. But there can be no unity between light and darkness. God wants us to believe the gospel. Real Christians live in the light because they are true to God. Our walk is in the light as God is in the light because He is Light. Thereby, we can have fellowship one with another, for the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from all sin because we believe in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. **8**We may say that we have no sin. If we say this, we lie to ourselves. There is no truth in us. **9**Sin is something that affects all our lives. We should confess our sins to God. When we do so, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Sin cannot remain. He had to remove it from His people. **10**If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar and His Word is not in us. But God says that all have sinned. This is the reason that Jesus had to come. He came to die for the sins of all people. If we had not sinned, Jesus would not have died, and what God has said would be a lie (we needed a Savior). Those who say that they have not sinned, cuts themselves off from God. They have not believed the Word of God. They do not know the Lord Jesus. They have not believed the Truth of the Gospel. They cannot have the New Life that the Lord Jesus gives. He gives this life to those who trust in Him (**1:5-10**).

## 1 John 2

**1**John writes my little children telling them to Sin Not! Sin is an enemy that will move us from the light, and thereby it is important that we don't sin. But, if we sin, because we are human and weak, it is important that we confess our sin to God. God has provided an Advocate who will go before God the Father on our behalf and that is Jesus Christ the righteous One. He comes to our rescue. He is able to speak to God the Father upon our behalf. He is the agent for the person who sinned, for Jesus has never sinned, but has always done right. He can ask God to forgive our sins. **2**God has to be appeased, for God is holy and just. Jesus Christ is that appeasement, the propitiation to satisfy the debt of man's sin. Sin severs the relationship. Therefore, an attorney is not needed, but a blood sacrifice of the only righteous and perfect One. And Justice was perfectly satisfied. John wrote to those who believed: that Christ did not die only for them. Jesus died for the sins of all people. **3**John now changes the subject. This is how we know God: we keep His commandments. If we know God, we will want to obey His Word. **4**The person who does not obey God's commands does not know Him. That person may say that he knows God, but does not keep His commandments, then he's a liar, and the truth is not in him. **5**The person who obeys God's Word does know Him, and loves Him! The more we keep the Word who is Jesus, and learn about Him, God's love is perfected in us, thereby we are able to know that we are in Him; living in Him and establishing a relationship! (**2:1-5**).

