Book of Philippians

The Book of 1st John Speaks to Christian Men about Assurance of Salvation

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Introduction:

John 10:28-30 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. 30 I and *my* Father are one.

Author: John the Apostle Timing: 90-95AD Audience: The believers at the Church

The book of 1st John was written by John the Apostle because he was in an evangelical battle to keep pure the teaching of the Gospel. To keep Jesus center stage as the "Son of God" the "Christ" the true "Anointed One," and the Salvation of Man. John gives a direct and unambiguous picture of the saved believer's relationship with Jesus Christ. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John is fighting the intellectuals in Ephesis as they are trying to challenge the deity of Jesus.

The underlying theme of the book is the proper mind set of believer toward Salvation. That is, sound attention to the basics of Christianity; faith, obedience, and love. These lead to happiness, holiness, and assurance.

Chapter Two

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:
2:2 And he is the propitiation [atonement, reconciliation, mercy seat] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.
2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

Hint: if Christ's deity is challenged what is the atonement for sin in the OT? And what is the SACRIFICE standard for understanding sin? THE BIBLE

1. Why use the phrase "My little children?" Discuss the contrast between the references to both the Old Testament and the New Testament in the above passage.

John is old, evidence of time frame. Again, keeping Christ center stage as the one and only atonement of sins. In the OT animal sacrifice is used to atone for sins

2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
2:5 But whoso keepeth his **word**, in him verily is the love of God **perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him.
2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

2. Identify the "him" and "his" above. What commandments are being broken? Refer to John 14:6 (Intro) as a hint. Discuss perfecting God's love and walking as He walks.

false teachings about Christ. 1st commandment: no other gods 3rd commandment: not take name in vain 9th commandment: bear false witness

John 14:21,23 Psa 119:2 Eze 36:27 Luk 11:28 perfecting God's love is - loving others as Christ loved + loves us! / walking as... living a life of devo + obedience to God, and benevole + beneficence to our neighbor

- obedience to God's will.

Christ, being perfect, died for us!

Contrast Mosaic & Christian Dispensations

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John

Garden of Eden? Mt Sinai? Pentacost

God's perfection in Him Christ and in us

2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.
2:8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in **him** and in **you**: because the darkness is past, and the **true light** now shineth.

3. What is the old commandment? | What is the new commandment? | Where are they?

OT Law, Exodus 20 in a book | Imputed righteousness via indwelling of the H.S. | ① in the pentateuch / Talmud ② in our heart

John 1:7-9, Mal 4:2 — true light - glorious inheritance of the redeemed, instruction, HOLINESS (Christ as "son of righteousness")

2:9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.
2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

Exo 14:20, 1 Kings 8:10-13 - Shechinah cloud

4. Who is the light? | What is the light? | What is the darkness?

Holiness
- God, Jesus, & H.S.
- light of pure Gospel
- true love, Agape
- philo

God's Presence | Holiness | Matt 5:14 Ye are light of the world

sin, death, judgement, misery, adversity, Satan,

Christ

2:12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for **his** name's sake.
2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.
2:14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Distinct classes of believers being challenged

5. Why has John chosen to call out fathers, young men, and children?

- Those who embrace Christianity
- heads of families
- seen Christ
- Professed faith in Judea & Asia

confirmed disciples | exercised in Christian warfare | Spirit of God in their consciences | heights of their faith

- Least experienced in Christian fait
- Saved nonetheless

2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

Costly clot
- jewels
- fancy furn
- palaces
- vanities

6. What is it to love the world? What is the "pride of life?" How can we "abideth forever?"

- Opposite of Kingdom Mentality
- Material pursuits
- position and power
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ostentation or boasting | arrogance | of material things again position + power | Hunting after honors, titles, etc. b

Being saved + going to heaven, always happy throughetematy

made clear, apparent, obvious, evident

- The act of anointing
- Anything softening or lentitive
- That which excites piety & devotion
- Richness of gracious affections

- holy anointing oil of the law

2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.
2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.
2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

7. What is the "last time?" What antichrists is John referring to? How do we "know all things?"

- the end times
- Second coming of Christ

false teachers, those who challenge the deity of Christ

indwelling of Holy Spirit

2:21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.
2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.
2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

8. Relate the above passage to what is happening in Ephesis and to what happens often within us?

- denial of the incarnation of Christ.
- heresy - Gnosticism, Plato, Dualism
- John was encouraging believers back to the fundamentals of faith

** the influence on our heart + life is permanently with believers

2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.
2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life,

3:16

9. Let what "abide in you?" Discuss here the Assurance of Salvation.

John 5:39, 6:27, 6:47, 6:5
John 10:28
Tit 1:2, 3:7,

Gods love - Gospel doctrines of incarnation, passion death, ressurrection, ascension, + intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ

Do you believe
- You are a sinner
- Jesus die, was buried, + rose from the dead
- That you have asked + the holy spirit lives in yo
- Are you changed? Then you are SAVED!

2:26 These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.
2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Anointing - Smearing with oil
- Consecrating
- coronation of a King-ante
- Priestly Code
Sanctifying rite

10. Who is doing the seducing (in Ephesis and in us)? What anointing have we received?

From whom? By whom?
God
Holy Spirit

deceivers, antichrists, Satan, World, etc.

Gnostics (high illumination)

- Holy Spirit see **
- Gods commandment written on our heart.

EPh-2:8-10

Rev 21:3-7
Rev 21:10-27

> 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.
> 2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

Josh 1:8

11. What does it mean to abide in Christ? Let his word + spirit be in us continually (wh

John 14:2,3 many mansions 2 Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations

Phil 3:14 "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

How?

Summary:

This second chapter to the book of 1st John tells us not to sin and to remember that we have all we need inside of us via the anointing of the Holy Spirit of God to persevere. Col 2:8 says, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." I believe, in a nut shell, that is what the Apostle John is telling us. In doing this, John is also helping us recognize the patterns of behavior in our lives that can give us confidence in our faith and our salvation.

Thank you for attending,

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Ex 20:3 ...

1. no other gods
2. no graven images
3. not take name in vain
4. Keep sabbath holy
5. Honor thy mother + father
6. Thou shalt not kill
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
8. Thou shalt not steal
9. Thou shalt not bear **false** witness against thy neighbor
10. Thou shalt not covet