

God charges us to know Christ’s truth, discern that of teachers, and denounce heresy of scoffers.

1. For Fellowship in Christ, we must Be in God’s Light and Abide in His Love. 1 John

- a. To walk in the Light, we must confess our sin (1) and obey His commands in love (2).
- b. Beware of worldly love and antichrists (2). Have purity and practice righteousness (3).
- c. Love in Christ’s truth (3). Test spirits, and love as Christ did (4). Pray for guidance (5).

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us,” 1 John 1:5-10

2. Discern the Truth of Christ to Avoid False Doctrine and Such Teachers. 2 John

- a. We must walk in truth in order to walk in love (:4-5).
- b. We must protect the truth, discern false doctrine and avoid false teaching (:7-11).

“Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting,” 2 John :9-10

3. We are to Have Welcoming Fellowship with Christian Brothers and Ministers. 3 John

- a. Gaius walked in Christ’s truth, and was hospitable to messengers of His Gospel (:1-8).
- b. Diotrephes turned away the truth (:9-10). Demetrius modeled Christ’s truth (:11-12).

“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth,” ... “Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself,” 3 John :2-3 ... :11-12a

4. We are to Resist False Doctrines and Contend Earnestly for Faith in Christ. Jude

- a. Jude describes and denounces false teachers (:1-16).
- b. Our defense is our strong faith in the truth and power of Christ (:17-25).

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life,” Jude :20-21

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