

The Key to Freedom in Jesus Christ

1 John 4:7-19

Part 1

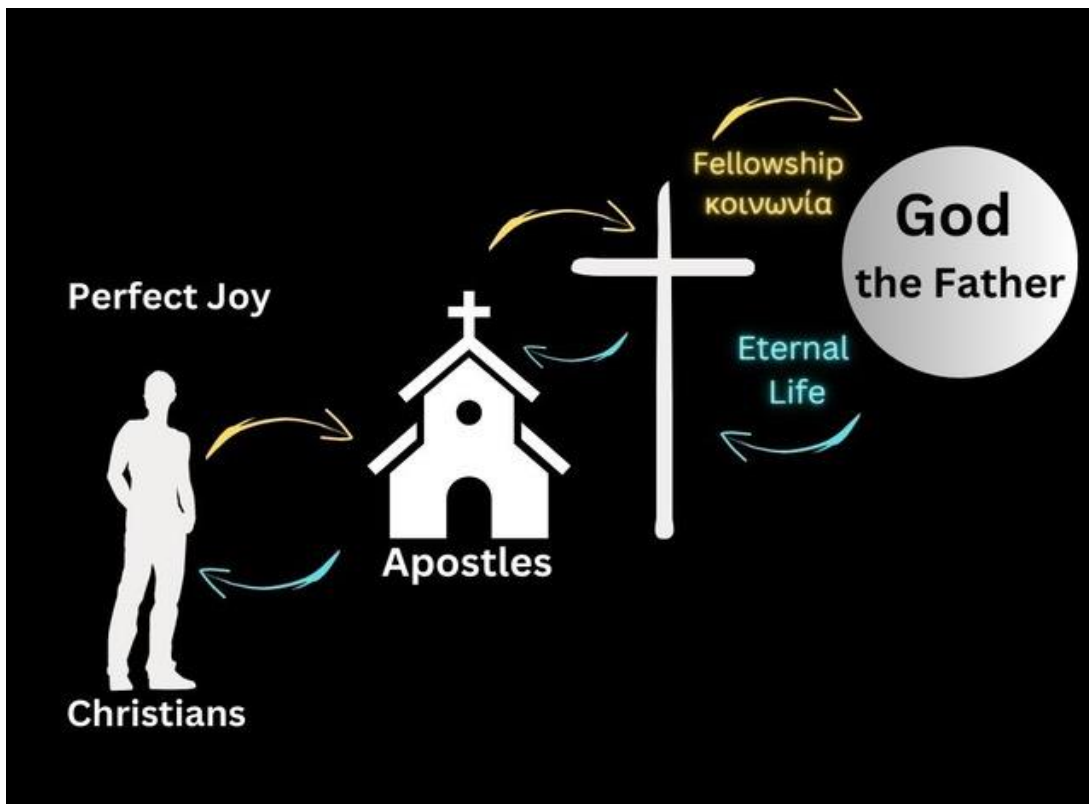
1 John 1:1-2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it **and proclaim to you the eternal life**, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

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κοινωνία, a relationship characterized by sharing in common *fellowship, participation* ¹

κοινωνία, an association involving close mutual relations and involvement²

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² Louw-Nida lexicon, Bibleworks 10

1 John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.

1 John 4:9-11 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:12-15 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this, we know that we abide in him and he in us because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

1 John 4:16 So **we have come to know and to believe the love** that God has for us. God is love, and anyone who **abides in love** abides in God, and God abides in him.

Knowledge of God's Love

1 John 4:16-18

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γινώσκω intelligent comprehension, *come to understand, be acquainted with*, learning something through sense perception *learn of*; Jewish way of describing *sexual intercourse between a man and a woman*; certainty gained through experience *come to know, be sure of*;³.

- **God created us in a wonderful way.**
- **God created a beautiful world for us.**
- **God provides us with everything we need.**
- **God sent His Son to solve the problem of our sins.**
- **God has regenerated us from above and made us part of His church.**

1 John 5:12-13 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

Ephesians 3:16-19 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love**, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 **and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge**, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

1 John 4:9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

³ Friberg lexicon, BibleWorks 10

A. The Magnitude of God's Love for the Son

Matthew 3:16-17 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

NET **Matthew 3:17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my one dear Son; in him I take great delight."

Matthew 17:5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

John 17:1-3 - When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:4-5 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

John 17:24 - Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me **because you loved me** before the foundation of the world.

1 John 4:16 - So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and anyone who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

B. The Greatness of God's Love for Us

1 John 5:11-12 - And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

John 3:3 - Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Ephesians 1:7 - **In him**, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Ephesians 1:13 - **In him**, you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Colossians 2:9-10 - For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, **and you have been filled in him**, who is the head of all rule and authority.

John 17:20-21 - I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us**, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

1 John 3:1 - See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.

*Because of our union with Christ, which becomes a reality at the moment of salvation,
God loves us just as much as He loves His only begotten Son.*

John 17:23 - I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and **loved them even as you loved me.**

John 17:26 - I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, **that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.**

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Hebrews 10:14 - For by a single offering **he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.**

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Hebrews 4:14-16 - Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then **with confidence** draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- In Jesus Christ, God has made you perfect and accepted you as His own son.
- In Jesus Christ, God loves you as He loves His only begotten Son.
- In Jesus Christ, God understands you, knowing your heart perfectly.
- In Jesus Christ, God covers and compensates for your shortcomings, helping you overcome them.
- In Jesus Christ, God leads you on the earthly path in real time, eagerly anticipating meeting you.

Jeremiah 32:41 - I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

