

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not be sinning. And if anyone may be sinning, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for {those of} the whole world.

3 And by this we are knowing that we have come to know Him, if we are keeping His commandments.

4 The one saying, "I have come to know Him," and is not keeping His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

5 but whoever is keeping His word, in this one the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we are knowing that we are in Him:

6 the one saying he is abiding in Him ought himself to be walking in the same manner as He walks.

7 Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard from the beginning.

8 Yet again, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

9 The one saying he is in the light and {yet} is hating his brother is in the darkness until now.

10 The one loving his brother is abiding in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

11 But the one hating his brother is in the darkness and is walking in the darkness, and is not aware where he is going because the darkness blinds his eyes.

12 I am writing to you, little children,  
because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, fathers,  
because you have known Him who has been from the beginning.  
I am writing to you, young men,  
because you have overcome the evil one.  
I am writing to you, children,  
because you have known the Father.

14 I write to you, fathers,  
because you have known Him who has been from the beginning.  
I write to you, young men,  
because you are strong, and the word of God is abiding in you,  
and you have overcome the evil one.

15 Do not be loving the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone is loving the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not out of the Father, but is out of the world.

17 And the world is passing away, and the desire of it; but the one who is doing the will of God is abiding forever.