

Retiring From the Game



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

From the Series,
"Authentic Trust"

1 John 5:16-21
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1. A Final Word About Sin (16-17)

- a. A sublime call (16a) - "If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life..."
- b. A sobering caution (16b) - "...to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that."

The "sin unto death" is willful, continuous, unrepentant sin; Annanias & Sapphira, the disciplined believers in Corinth.

- c. A settling comfort (17) - "All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death."

2. A Final Word About The Saved (18)

- a. Salvation imparts a new nature - "We know that everyone who has been born of God..."
- b. Salvation provides a new power - "...does not keep on sinning..."
- c. Salvation includes a new protection - "...but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him."

3. A Final Word About The System (19)

- a. We have been called out of the system - "We know that we are from God..."

"My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world." - John 18:36

"If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." - John 15:19

- b. Satan controls the system - "...and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

Satan declared to Jesus, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will." - Luke 4:6

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience - among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind." - Ephesians 2:1-3

4. A Final Word About The Son (20-21)

- a. Sovereign enlightenment - "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true;"
- b. Secure placement - "... and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ..."
- c. Satisfied contentment - "He is the true God and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols."