



Letters of John

Class for Jan 7, 2024, 1 John Ch 2

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Dec 31, 2023 – YE 2023 Review & Letters of John- 1 John Ch 1*
- ✓ *Jan 7, 2024 – 1 John Ch 2*
- *Jan 14, 2024 – 1 John Ch 3*
- *Jan 21, 2024 – 1 John Ch 4*
- *Jan 28, 2024 – 1 John Ch 5*

I plan to continue both In-Person and Zoom in 2024

A Quick Outlook on Israel and other events

- The war in Gaza is winding down. Some troops have been recalled for R&R before being deployed in the northern parts of Israel. The battles are now mostly in southern Gaza in Khan Younis. The IDF estimates it will be about 6 weeks before the balance of the Hamas terrorists are neutralized, and the tunnels are destroyed.
- Israel has pursued the terrorists hiding in Lebanon and Syria and eliminated several of the highest Hamas targets. They are still searching for Sinwar in Gaza, but just as the Israeli Mossad found the Nazi terrorists all over the world after WWII, they will find all the Hamas terrorists.
- Hezbollah and Iran are making noise about another war front in the North, but Israel is both prepared and adding more redeployed assets. We may see a widening of the war, and much increased rocket and drone activity in Israel in the next few weeks.
- It appears that Iranian insurgents against the Tehran government have killed a number of Iranian higher-ups in the bombing at the Suleimani grave memorial. Israel and the US have claimed no action by them, and Iran seems to know it was internal, but they will blame Israel anyway because it eliminates the need to admit they are unpopular within Iran. ISIS claimed responsibility

Other things...

- The US is continuing to hit back at Iranian proxies attacking US interests and bases. The responses have increased in intensity, but still not an overwhelming response. Naval Ships are continuing to take out Houthi attack boats and missiles or drones. Some coordinated Western and Saudi deterrence.
- The US seems to be preparing for a Taiwan attack by China. Japan is strengthening its capabilities, US is refurbishing airbases in the Marshall Islands, and increasing assets in the Philippines.
- Chaos domestically is continuing as well. 8,000 migrants heading to the southern border, unchecked drug cartel violence and importing of drugs, protests across the US in major cities disrupting events, travel, airports, and interstate highways. Violence is increasing and will get worse.
- Colleges and Universities are being funded at a very high level by Qatar and have influenced staff and students vulnerable to deception and radicalizing.

1 John Ch 2:1-2

*2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But **if(when)** anybody does sin, **we** have an advocate with the Father—**Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.***

*² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and **not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.***

1 John Ch 2:3-8 Love for Fellow Believers

*³ We know that we **have come to know him** **if** we keep his commands.*

⁴ Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

*⁵ **But** if anyone obeys his word, love for God (or God’s Word) is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him:*

⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

*⁷ Dear friends, I am **not writing you a new command** but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard.*

*⁸ Yet, I am (also) writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the **darkness is passing, and the true light is already shining.***

1 John Ch 2:9-11 Hatred for Fellow Believers

⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.

¹⁰ Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.

¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

Spiritual Maturity and Growth – John MacArthur

Growth

- *Life is growth, and growth is life*
- *True for our physical growth*
 - *Stunted growth viewed as sad*
- *True for our Spiritual growth*
 - *Stunted Maturity even more sad*

Categories of Growth

- *Babies or young children- relational*
- *Young Men (young adults)- knowledge and strong in the **Word of God***
- *Fathers (older men or adults)- Spiritual Development – Know the God behind the Doctrine*

Spiritual Maturity

- *Nothing to do with **our standing before God***
- *Nothing to do **His Love for us***
- *Nothing to do **with time***
- *Nothing to do with **what we know** or our information, even Biblical*
- *Nothing to do with **Activity***
- *Nothing to do with **prosperity, influence, size of ministry, class or church***

John MacArthur sermon on 1 John 2:12-14 - Stages of Spiritual Growth

1 John Ch 2:12-14 Reasons for Writing

¹² I am writing to you, **dear children**,
because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

¹³ I am writing to you, **fathers**,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, **young men**,
because you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁴ I write to you, **dear children**,
because you know the Father.

I write to you, **fathers**,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, **young men**,
because you are strong,
and the word of God lives in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

1 John Ch 2:15-17. Not Loving the World

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world.

If anyone loves the world, love for the Father (Father's Love) is not in them.

16 For everything in the world—the **lust of the flesh**, the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**—comes not from the Father but from the world.

17 The world and its desires pass away, **but whoever does the will of God lives forever.**

1 John Ch 2:18-23 Warnings against Denial of the Son

18** Dear children, **this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

***19** They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.*

***20** But you have an **anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.**^[e]*

21** I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and **because no lie comes from the truth.

22** **Who is the liar?** It is **whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son.

23** **No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also

1 John Ch 2:24-27 Pay Attention and be Vigilant

24 As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.

*25 And this is what he promised us—**eternal life.***

*26 I am writing these things to you **about those who are trying to lead you astray.***

27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you.

*But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as **that anointing is real, not counterfeit**—just as it has taught you, remain in him.*

1 John Ch 2:28-29 God's Children and Sin

28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

Next Week

- *Come back again*
- *Read 1 John Chapter 3*
- *Pray for each other...there is a lot going on*
- *Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem*
- *Pray for our country and its leaders*
- *Pray for our State and County and their leaders*
- *Pray for our Church, its Pastors, Teachers, and Members that we would be faithful to His Call and Direction*