Bible Story: 1st John

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INTRODUCTION

- There were a group of false teachers known as the Gnostics in the first century.
- Unless we can know it by mental faculty and our own brilliant mind, we reject it. We accept nothing by faith.
- They removed the perfect example of Christ, and thus said there's no need for you to try to live virtuously.

1 We Saw Him, We Touched Him

- But first John begins by saying we saw him, we touched him, we heard him, we walked with him.
- The Bible teaches in the book of 1 John that God is love and man's a sinner.
- How are we ever going to get man the sinner back to God the lover? That's the real point.
- Being reconciled to God who loves us, though we're such sinners.

2 If We Walk in the Light

- This book was written to Christians, and don't forget that. It wasn't written to the world.
- If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3 We Have an Advocate With the Father

1 John 2:1–2

- My little children, I write these things unto you that you sin not. But if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Christ Jesus the righteous,.
- He is our lawyer who pleads our case at the bar of God.
- We couldn't have a better lawyer than that to plead our case.

4 Born of God, He Cannot Live a Life of Sin

1 Timothy 2:5; Job 9:33; 1 John 3:1

- Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God, and such we are.
- The man who is born of God, whose seed abides in him does not live a life of sin.
- He cannot be an habitual sinner. The very nature of Christianity prohibits it.
- I might err occasionally, step aside from the path of duty momentarily, but I cannot live a life of sin.

5 Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

1 John 4:1; 1 John 4:18–20; Hebrews 12:28

- You're going to have to try the spirits where they be of God, for many false prophets have already gone out into the world.
- We must love our brother whom we see if we would claim to love God whom we have not seen.
- We love because he first loved us, and perfect love casts out fear.
- We'll always have godly reverential awe, Hebrews 12 28. But we will not have the fear of the world if we're a faithful child of God.

6 There Is Sin Unto Death

1 John 5:14; 1 John 5:16; Revelation 14:13

- This is the confidence we have in him. If we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us.
- There is sin unto death. I do not say that you should pray for that.
- Sin unto death, sin persisted in, continued in, sin we will not repent of, confess, turn from.
- If a man lives in sin and dies in sin, no need to pray for that. He's lost forever.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Little children, keep yourselves from idols.**

MY NOTES