

62-1John-04-Transcript

0:51 Well, greetings brethren and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study.

0:55 We're together, we're studying the Scriptures line upon line and God willing tonight, we will study together the third chapter of First John.

1:05 Hopefully, the video the opening video came across.

1:08 It did not play well for me.

1:11 Hopefully it did for you.

1:12 And hopefully I'm coming through loudly and clearly, I'll say an opening prayer.

1:17 Pastor Murray is not gonna be able to join us tonight.

1:19 He's working late.

1:20 We are tent makers and so he is not gonna be able to join us.

1:25 But hopefully somebody can let me know.

1:27 He usually does that, that I am coming through loudly and clearly, let's begin with a word of prayer.

1:32 And then we'll get into the passage for this evening.

1:35 Our loving father, we pause to thank you.

1:39 It is such a, a dark world and growing darker and you have so blessed us father to graft us into this covenant to bring us into this light and into eternal life.

1:53 It's an amazing blessing.

1:54 Father.

1:54 We are truly in awe.

1:57 We're in lo in awe of your love for us and Jesus Christ's love for us and together how you have sacrificed and orchestrated this great plan from the beginning.

2:09 And we are thankful that we're now in the spring holy day season.

2:13 And we just look forward father to a deeper understanding of your plan of your will and just greater faith and greater confirmation, conformation to the mind of Christ.

2:29 We praise you Lord and we pray in his holy name.

2:31 Amen.

2:33 So let me just confirm that I am coming through.

2:36 Oh, great pep Square.

2:38 Thank you very much.

2:40 and did the video come through just let me know that the opening video and let me see who's here.

2:46 You guys come quite early.

2:48 Griselda 73 Rosebud and yeah, Ian Palmatier.

2:54 Nice to see you Sitarski 12 Rosebud.

2:58 Very, very nice, Judy and Chuck.

3:00 Greetings, Petty Milk Bruce Ellis, Marlene, Merlene Christy Romine.

3:09 Very, very nice, Jeff Flann J D.

3:14 Let's see who else is here, Donna Banta Pep Square.

3:21 Very, very nice.

3:22 oh video.

3:22 Good to excellent, so great to see all of you that do check in.

3:26I know a lot of you don't.

3:28we're happy to have you.

3:30And this evening as I mentioned, we want to get through first John chapter three.

3:36Let me go ahead and share my screen and hopefully you can see my screen clearly and I just wanna go back to first John 228 and 29.

3:51That's where we ended last week.

3:52It's really part of what we call chapter three.

3:55So let me just go back a couple of verses and we'll read together where he says, and now little Children abide in him that when he shall appear, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

4:14So this, this, this is the point to remain in him.

4:19And I believe last week, I said that Christ said that he that endures unto the end.

4:26That's the one that will be saved.

4:28So it's not that we are in Christ today and we are fellow shipping and we are worshiping and that's great, but it means nothing if we do not endure to the end.

4:43And John is seeing this apostasy taking place in the first century and he's realizing this is exactly what Christ said would happen.

4:52He's, he's because of this evidence, he's believing, ok, this is it.

4:57And now he's encouraging the brethren, you've got to cross the finish line, you've got to endure to the end.

5:03Not only is he encouraging them to abide in him and remain in him.

5:10He's he's he's really making it clear what the formula is for success.

5:16So there is a success formula.

5:17He that endures to the end will be saved.

5:20But Christ has given us the formula to endure to the end.

5:24And that's what that as John is watching the apostasy, he's now giving us very clearly the success formula.

5:31And he's showing that when Christ appears in wrath in fury, we're very familiar with the wrath, wrath of Christ.

5:41With our studies of Ezekiel, we see how intense his fury.

5:46And he's saying that within the context of that fury, we can have confidence that when he appears, we know where we were.

5:57He's appearing to our glory, not to our shame, but he's gonna give us the success formula.

6:04He says, if you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone that does righteousness is born of him.

6:15And this word born, it's the the the Greek word J.

6:20It's not translated.

6:22It could be born.

6:23in this context, it's better, it would be better translated.

6:28Conceived that we have been conceived.

6:31We, we have this life, which is why abortion is murder because at conception, life begins, physical life begins at conception, spiritual life begins at conception.

6:44So we are now alive.

6:46 We've been brought, we've been quickened is the sort of old English New King James language to be quickened, to be brought to life.

6:54 We've been brought to spiritual life because of this impregnation because of this conception by the Father with the Holy Spirit.

7:03 So everyone that does righteousness, we, we're only able to do that righteousness because of this spiritual conception.

7:12 And we see the Ancient Israelites, they had everything lined up.

7:17 They had every resource available to them to be successful except for the most part, they did not have the Holy Spirit and without the Holy Spirit that we're not able to do righteousness.

7:30 And that's why in the new covenant, he promises he will put his law within them, he'll put his spirit within them.

7:38 And we are the first fruits of this new covenant.

7:41 And so this, this spiritual life enables us not to do our own righteousness, but for Christ's righteousness to shine through us.

7:51 So this is the key that when we're impregnated by God, we're able to operate on this higher level that the natural human cannot.

8:01 So now we come into chapter three.

8:03 and he says, he translated behold, pause what manner of love the father has bestowed upon us.

8:11 When you look at the Greek, there's no that that's an interpretation to put the, the pause there.

8:16 The, the, the original language just says, and it would be translated behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us.

8:25 Both are OK.

8:26 But it's really, it's really just this profound love that God has bestowed upon us.

8:32 And, and, and what is the manifestation of this profound love that we physical temporal, natural humans should be called the Sons of God or the Children of God.

8:48 This is amazing that God sees us and has enabled us to become and to be called the Children of God.

8:57 When we look at this massive universe that He's created.

9:01 When we, we, we come to begin to understand his holiness, his majesty and his glory.

9:07 Were his Children?

9:09 This, this because of his love for us that he's enabled us through his, the sacrifice of his son to be called his Children.

9:20 Therefore, the world knows us.

9:23 Not because it knew him.

9:24 Not so the the very Children of God, the Children of the creator are, are operating on the earth and the world has no clue the world is in this natural really have to be blunt and say satanic course of the course of action.

9:44 They're, they're, they're caught by the devil.

9:46 They don't realize it.

9:48 And in their midst are the Children of God developing, growing, preparing to take over the earth.

9:58 And they have no idea why because they don't, they don't know Him.

10:01 They have no idea who he is.

10:03 And so if they don't know Him, how can they know his Children?

10:07 He says here in Ephesians, speaking of this, this great love, Paul sees the same thing and says the same thing he says, but God who is rich in mercy, you know, behold, what manner of love he has for us.

10:20 God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith He loved us even when we were dead in sins.

10:29 So this, this ghetto has brought us to life, but we were dead in sins and he had this great love and he has quickened us together with Christ quickened is this old English word which basically means brought to life.

10:43 So he's, he's brought us to life.

10:45 We were dead in sins.

10:48 There's no way we could have access to eternal life.

10:51 But with Christ, we've been brought to life and then he says, by grace, you are saved.

10:58 And Pastor Murray just gave an amazing sermon this past Sabbath.

11:02 That and it is part one of two, a two part message for us to grow in grace and knowledge.

11:07 And he just focused on what does it mean to grow in grace.

11:11 It's far more than just grace, meaning unmerited.

11:15 Pardon?

11:15 Well, great.

11:16 This is unmerited pardon.

11:18 But then how do we grow in grace?

11:20 And, and that's just a great meditation for us as we head into Passover, as we, we rehearse the death of our Lord, our personal salvation, our collective salvation, our future salvation.

11:40 And, and what does this mean?

11:42 And how do we then grow in grace?

11:45 Going back to, to first John, he says, beloved.

11:51 Now are we the sons of God, the Children of God?

11:56 And you, you can hear the term of endearment.

11:59 If we're in covenant with God, we are loved by God.

12:04 And John recognizes this and calls the brethren beloved.

12:09 He says, now, are we the sons of God?

12:11 This is, this is true.

12:15 You know, Pastor Murray just had his grandson and while his daughter-in-law was pregnant, that child was, that's their child.

12:26 And that's his grandson.

12:27 He doesn't actually have to be born into the world to be recognized as a, a son and a grandson because life begins at conception.

12:38 So here we are in this mode of being in the womb, growing, being prepared for birth.

12:46 But now, even now we are the Children of God and it doesn't yet appear what we shall be.

12:55 So there's a process there, this is going to culminate in something right now.

13:00 We're the Children of God.

13:01 But this isn't the end.

13:03 We're in the state of becoming something else, but it's not fully clear what that shall be.

13:09But this is what we do know.

13:11We know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him for, we shall see Him as he is.

13:19This, this is what we know and, and, and Christ said here in John 14 when he was educating the disciples, he said, you have a little while and the world sees me no more, but you see me because I live, you shall live also.

13:34So it's very, very clear to, to the apostles that this resurrected Christ is in the process of bringing all of us into glory.

13:46But that full glory will not be realized until he returns in Colossians three.

13:52Paul says, teaching the Colossians in verse four, when Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory.

14:04So they have an understanding when Christ appears, the dead in Christ will rise first, we will all rise if we're still alive in Christ.

14:12And, and we're going to be glorified at that point and we're going to appear with him.

14:20And then in first Corinthians 29, Paul is educating the Corinthian brethren and he says this, but as it is written, I have not seen nor ear heard.

14:31So even the prophets understood this, neither has I shouldn't say they understood it.

14:35They certainly prophesized it but not fully until Christ came.

14:39And even now, we don't fully understand it, but but neither has entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.

14:50So there's a real separation here and John John's epistles are all about this separation that the world doesn't like for us to talk about distinct groups and for us to declare separation and that things are one thing is different from another.

15:09Satan wants to blur everything and his Children want to blur everything.

15:13God is a God of distinction.

15:15God is a God of separation.

15:17And and this is very, very clear that there's a separation in the earth even now between those that love God and are in the process of becoming fully born into his family and those that have no clue who he is and wittingly or unwittingly are serving their father the devil.

15:40So there's so there's something about loving God.

15:43And then John makes it clear that loving God means loving his Children.

15:50And that, that there's a recognition of what it means to be in covenant, what it means to have the Holy Spirit, what it means for Christ to have shed his blood for the purchase of a, of a brother and a sister in Christ.

16:07And therefore how we regard that brother or sister in Christ.

16:12All of this is a, an a supernatural operation and it's not operating in the natural mind.

16:20And so John is warning the brethren to take hold of eternal life and to have confidence in, in that hold on eternal life because it's God's will to bring us into the kingdom as long as we cooperate.

16:34And this is what John is going to be talking about.

16:35And we see here, the Apostle Paul will see the Apostle Peter.

16:39They, they fully understood this.

16:41And so John is not coming with something new is actually they're all agreeing together because they were all taught by Christ back to first John, he says in verse three, every man that has this hope.

17:01 There, there there's an understanding of where we're going is this is not it, we're not just here and this is all there is to life and hopefully we lead a pretty good life and, and then you know, we're in the kingdom or we're in the heaven.

17:14 It's much more, there's there's so much depth to this.

17:18 So as we grow in our depth of understanding and, and clarify our vision of this future and what God, this operation of God and the earth, this gives us a, a hope, not a kind of superficial hope, but more of a, an expectation that we understand that there's a finish line for us to cross.

17:39 And when we cross that finish line, the page turns, in fact, the book closes and we open up a new book.

17:47 So then we're sort of in the final chapter of this book, we're turning the pages in this final chapter.

17:53 This book is gonna come to a conclusion.

17:55 And then a new book is a new, a whole new book is gonna be opened and, and we have an expectation of our lives really being coming to full bloom in this other book in this Millennial Reign with Christ.

18:11 And so it's, it's a, it's an actual expectation that we have and therefore we're preparing ourselves for this new life.

18:20 And I've had several brethren say to me or point out to me how ridiculous it is for us to have this hope of being in God's Kingdom while we're at variance with brethren who are also going to be in God's kingdom.

18:36 What, what's our expectation that will be in God's kingdom will be God's Children, will carry this hatred of his Children into the kingdom.

18:44 We just, we'll just make sure that we don't serve in the same area because I hate that person.

18:49 And hopefully they'll be far away and I don't have to have anything to do with them.

18:52 Is that our expectation that this is, this is insanity.

18:57 And then it's great that brethren see this foolishness that if we truly have this expectation, he says, every man that has this hope in him, if the expectation is really, there purifies himself, even as he is pure, there, there really is an expectation that we will see Christ that we will hear him, that we will be with him, that we will be fellowship, we will be part of the fellowship with him and we will reign with him.

19:25 And it's not just me and Christ, it's Christ and his Children, Christ and his brethren, sorry Christ and God's Children, we're all together and therefore we're conforming ourselves to the mind of Christ so that we can be in that future operation.

19:44 He says in verse four, whosoever.

19:47 So this means no exception.

19:49 There's nothing so special about us that we get a pass, whosoever commits sin, transgressors, transgressors.

19:59 Also, the law for sin is the transgression of the law.

20:06 And I think anybody who's been in the church for any length of time, this is a go to scripture because John really defines what sin is.

20:16 There's the law and then there's transgression of the law and that is sin.

20:22 But I think John is going a bit further here because he's going to really separate those who sin and those who don't sin that those who are begotten of God do not sin whereas the Children of the devil sin.

20:39 And so we need to understand this.

20:40 I think a bit further than just transgression of the law.

20:45 Here are the 10 commandments.

20:47 And if you break the 10 commandments, that sin, well, if we just leave it at that level, it becomes problematic when John says things like he that is begotten of God does not sin.

21:00 Well, if we're honest with ourselves, we struggle with this human nature and, and we sin and, and we repent and we continue to have this hope in Christ.

21:13 And so if it all, if it's just a matter of you transgress the law and therefore you sin and then those who are truly in Christ don't sin, then we have to ask the question, are we truly in Christ?

21:24 And maybe we don't have salvation, maybe we don't have a hope.

21:28 So this, this whole phrase, the transgression of the law.

21:31 It's actually one word in the Greek which is Anomia.

21:37 Anomia means lawlessness.

21:40 Sin.

21:41 Harmey is lawlessness.

21:44 So Anomia is there's law and this is to be without the law completely.

21:50 So a better understanding of this is whoever sins is, is lawless sin.

22:00 This type of sin that John is pointing to is lawlessness.

22:06 And he was taught by Christ that in the final chapter before he returns, it'll be as in the days of Noah.

22:13 It'll be as in the days of lot iniquity, lawlessness shall abound.

22:20 So as we're seeing the pages turn in this final chapter, we, we can clearly see and expect increasing lawlessness.

22:29 And this is what John is getting at Anna without law, a complete disregard.

22:35 In fact, it maybe would be better to say sin is hostility to the law.

22:43 It's, it's a chronic hostility to the law and this is how we can tell the difference between the Children of God and the Children of the devil.

22:54 The Children of God want to conform to God's will.

22:58 We, we accept the law, we uphold the law.

23:01 Yes.

23:01 Occasionally we slip but not in deliberate defiance of the law.

23:06 If we slip, we're, we're sorrowful and repentant, but the Children of the devil have a complete disregard for the law.

23:15 And in fact, they have a hostility toward it that if you bring up and we can just see it all around us when, when you bring up God's standard, they despise you, they hate you, they want to kill you, they want to remove you, they want to shun you because they have this built in human nature, this built in hostility to the law.

23:36 So this is really its anomia, it's the complete despising of the law and we see this in the Torah.

23:47 So this anomia, this lawlessness, let's look at the Torah to get at the root of it, this, this attitude, it's really an an attitudinal response to the law.

23:57He says here in numbers 15 Moses writes, you shall have one law for Him that sins through ignorance, both for Him that is born among the Children of Israel and for the stranger that sojourns among you.

24:14So there is this sinning through ignorance, you just you, you, it was not deliberate, but God still demands holiness but the soul that does anything presumptuously.

24:29Now we're getting an attitude, this is Anna, this is lawlessness, this is hostility to God and you know the law, but there's a hostility that you have toward it.

24:39He says, the soul that does anything presumptuously, whether he be born in the land or a stranger, the same reproaches the Lord.

24:48So there's, there's, there's a real attitude here of, of hostility.

24:52It's, it's the blaspheme of the Lord that so when you, when you transgress the law deliberately, you're blaspheming the Lord, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

25:05So, so yes, there's sin, but God makes provision for sin.

25:10And certainly the sacrifice of Christ is provision for sin.

25:15But there's no provision if you openly deliberately intentionally blaspheme God.

25:24And that, that is anemia, that is complete lawlessness.

25:28He says, why, why is he gonna be cut off from his people?

25:32Because He has despised the word of the Lord.

25:35This is the issue, this is anemia, it goes to the heart.

25:39You, you, you know that this is the Lord's law and you despise you.

25:42You're a child of the devil because he's despised the word of the Lord and has broken his commandment.

25:50So it's not just that you broke the commandment.

25:53but it wasn't deliberate, it was, it was in ignorance, it was in weakness.

25:59It's that and then you repent because you're so sorrowful and you respect the law if you have no respect for the law and a mi because he's despised the word of the Lord and has broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off his iniquities shall be upon him.

26:16So John is not saying something new here.

26:19This is going right back to the Torah from the beginning.

26:23There's a difference between willful sin and weakness or ignorance, mistaken, but still respecting God and wanting to be holy in Leviticus again from the Torah 26 and verse 43 the land also shall be left of them and this ties right into Ezekiel.

26:43Why, why the fury of God on these people, the land shall be left of them or the the land will get its ease of them and shall enjoy her Sabbaths while she lays desolate without them.

26:55They are holy people in the holy land, but they have despised the covenant.

27:00He says, and they shall accept the punishment of their iniquity of their, their lawlessness.

27:05Because why, why are they going to be ejected and suffer and have the fury of God upon them?

27:11Because even because they despised my judgments and because their soul abhorred my statutes, this is anemia.

27:22So it's not just a simple oh, sin is the transgression of the law.

27:26So we now have a definition for what sin is.

27:28So if you break the Sabbath, we know that that's a sin.

27:31Yes.

27:32 All of that is true.

27:34 What John is writing in this time of crisis to warn the brethren against apostasy, which is prophesied to happen on maps writ large before Christ returns.

27:51 He's warning them be careful how you interface with the law of God.

28:00 Do you?

28:00 David said how I how love I thy law it's ever with me is is that our approach or do we have an attitude against the law?

28:09 And then John goes further to say if we have an attitude against the law, it will manifest itself in how we feel about our brother, how we treat our brother.

28:21 And so that that is sort of the acid test to see.

28:25 Are you a child of the father or are you a child of lawlessness anomia, are we Children of the devil?

28:37 And John says the acid test and, and, and the test as to whether or not we will cross the finish line and appear with him in glory is how we interface with our brother, how we interface with our sister.

28:48 So this is really about attitude.

28:52 So the the the the slip up followed by repentance and accepting Christ's sacrifice and honoring his sacrifice is not what John is getting at here.

29:04 It's the despising of the law, the the the the commitment to sinfulness, which is what John is seeing and what John is warning about in first John three verse five, you know that he was and you know that Christ was manifested to take away our sins.

29:22 So we sin but we understand that Christ came into the earth and appeared for the very reason to take away our sins and be let's be careful when we see our sins.

29:38 We are talking about the covenant.

29:41 He, he didn't come.

29:42 Yes.

29:42 Ultimately, the whole world will have access to salvation.

29:46 But Christ came for Israel, he came for the house of Israel and he came to take away the sins of Israel so that the plan of God can be fulfilled in Israel.

29:59 So we kind of get to, as I was saying, when we started this study, we get to the epistles of John and the prophets are completely out of our mind.

30:07 The Old Testament is completely out of our mind.

30:10 And suddenly we get sucked into this traditional Christianity, this, this Roman, this Greco Roman version of Christianity.

30:20 And what we have to do is stay rooted in the Torah amplified by the writings and the prophets and, and, and, and converging then into revelation through the writings of the apostles and the teaching of Christ.

30:34 It's all one story.

30:37 So he came to take away the sins of Israel.

30:42 So that the plan of God declared from the beginning can be fulfilled in Israel.

30:48 And then ultimately, salvation can be open to the gentile world through Israel, the through the priesthood of Israel.

30:56 So we know this, we know from the Torah and the ratings and the profits that he came and appeared on the earth to take away the sins of Israel.

31:08 And in him is no sin.

31:10 In order to do that, he had to be the perfect sacrifice, which is what we will be rehearsing and deepening our understanding of and appreciating through Passover and unleavened bread to understand that he was the perfect sacrifice in order to pull this off.

31:28 And then he says in verse six, whosoever again, no exception, whosoever abides in him sins, not whosoever sins has not seen him, neither known him.

31:41 Now, let's get real.

31:44 Whosoever abides in him doesn't sin.

31:47 Do you sing?

31:49 Have you sinned lately?

31:50 Did you sing today?

31:52 Did you sing yesterday?

31:53 Will you send between now and Christ's return?

31:57 Well, or are you perfect if you're already perfect.

32:01 That seems to be what John is saying that if you are in him, then you don't sin.

32:09 But if you sin, you haven't seen him and you don't know him.

32:13 So what are you doing here?

32:14 What am I doing here again?

32:17 If we go back to anemia, he, he's talking about a different level here.

32:22 He's not talking about the slip up.

32:24 He's talking about the deliberate despising of the law.

32:28 He's talking about anemia.

32:31 So if we are abiding in Him and his Holy Spirit is empowering us, then we our attitude toward God toward Christ, toward his law, toward his his commandments.

32:46 And therefore the commandment to love one another.

32:48 Our attitude towards those commandments toward God Christ, his people is one of love is one of compliance.

32:57 It's one of conformity.

33:00 It's one of transforming our minds.

33:02 It's a deep desire to be right with him versus what John is seeing with the apostasy where there's a deliberate choice to reject Christ, to resist his commandments, to despise his statutes.

33:17 So whosoever abides in him doesn't have this commitment to sin, this despising of of the law.

33:26 Whosoever has that anemia don't, don't, don't be fooled by their words.

33:33 You know, he started off saying if we say, if we say so, there are liars, there are people that are saying the words but their fruits don't match their words.

33:45 So when we see people despising the di atrophies resisting John wanting preeminence, persecuting the brethren and yet saying righteous words, John is making it clear people like this people of Anomia, they haven't seen him and they don't know him.

34:09 So don't, don't follow them here.

34:12 Christ says in the gospels regarding sin and again, this this abiding anytime we see this abide, this is really we have to keep John Christ's instruction, he who endures to the end shall be saved.

34:29 We've got to abide in Him.

34:31 So he says this, he says, verily, I say unto you all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men and blasphemies, wherewith soever they shall blasphemy.

34:46 So Christ came to forgive these sins.

34:52 And so sin is not the end of our relationship with God.

34:57 In fact, it's the beginning of it that Christ came to remove this burden of sin from Israel.

35:05 And we've been grafted in so that we can have this, this relationship of holiness with God because of His perfect sacrifice.

35:14 But what if we despise the very work of the Holy Spirit that makes all of this possible?

35:20 Christ says there's a, there's a different type of sin here.

35:25 He that shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit has, has never, forgiveness, doesn't have forgiveness but is in danger of eternal damnation.

35:37 This is in a sense really the unpardonable sin.

35:41 And that's what John is warning against that.

35:45 If you reject God deliberately, then there's no you reject Christ's sacrifice, then there is no other sacrifice for us by which we can be saved.

35:56 So he says here back to first John, 37 little Children, let no man deceive you.

36:03 So this is Christ warned us in the final chapter.

36:09 Deception will be the order of the day.

36:12 Deception will be everywhere and, and we, we have to be on our guard.

36:19 And unfortunately, it's just so easy for the devil to manipulate us and deceive us.

36:25 So John is warning, let no man deceive you.

36:29 So how do we know then?

36:31 So Christ says many false teachers will appear and they shall deceive many.

36:36 So how do we not fall into that trap?

36:38 John says, let no man deceive you.

36:40 He that does righteousness is righteous even as He is righteous.

36:48 So again, we we've been begotten by God.

36:51 There is a spiritual operation taking place within us.

36:57 We are thinking differently.

36:58 We are behaving differently.

37:00 It is a supernatural operation.

37:02 It's not normal.

37:04 There's there's a, a train of thought and there is a way of behavior that we are now capable of.

37:14 That the natural human is just not capable of this.

37:19 It's transformative and and John is gonna get very specific and say that this transformation manifests itself in our love for the brethren or lack thereof.

37:35 So how we treat each other, which is why the Passover evening is so important as he.

37:42 Paul was teaching the Corinthian brethren that this is really it's almost like a report card, how, how we observe the Passover, how we love each other, the understanding of agape during this whole period.

37:58 This is the lesson to the Corinthians and they missed it.

38:03 So Paul had to upbraid them to say this is about agape.

38:08 That's what Christ was the exemplify.

38:14And so this is the test and it's only possible it's just, it's just not, some people are gonna struggle with it.

38:21They just can't get over past Hertz.

38:24They can't get over their own ego like the atrophies.

38:28They just can't do it.

38:29And that's, that's the proof or that's the evidence that the Holy Spirit is not operating.

38:36The, the proof or the evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work is this is not a suggestion that we love one another.

38:46It is a command and we either despise that command and resist it or we're embracing that command because of the supernatural operation.

38:56And that's what Joe is saying, that don't be deceived.

39:00Christ said, you, you'll know them by their fruits but not just the teachers, we can evaluate everybody.

39:06Why?

39:07Because he that is able to operate on this spiritual supernatural level is right.

39:15That comes from God that comes from the impregnation of his spirit within us, of his DNA with us.

39:24And then we're able to operate like this.

39:27So we have a love for the law rather than a despising of the law.

39:32We have a love for his commandments rather than despising of his commandments.

39:36So even as he is righteous, the whole point of the Holy Spirit is to have us conform to Christ.

39:43On the other hand, he that commits sin is of the devil.

39:50So again, this is not you, you, you made a mistake, you slept, you, you, you, you had a weakness and you, you slept and you, you are so overcome with grief and you're repenting and you understand Christ's sacrifice and, and you're improving, you're growing in grace and knowledge.

40:07This is not that.

40:08And so so some brethren, oh I can't take the pass over because I I I sinned.

40:12This is not what God is getting at and wants us to understand this sin is the despising the enemy, the despising of God's law.

40:24He that behaves like this.

40:26And John was seeing that in warning the brethren and Christ warned us this.

40:30This is the future, this is the future of the church.

40:35So he that commits sin is of the devil.

40:38The devil is.

40:41I think sometimes we don't fully appreciate how powerful this this spiritual force is, how in how intelligent it is, how strategic it is.

40:51He's out to take as many people out as possible.

40:55And and John is saying he's successful.

40:58He's speaking of this is not just let me, let me give you the state of the world.

41:02He's writing to the brethren to warn the brethren about brethren in the church or, or people we thought were brethren, which is really a big lesson in Passover with the role of Judas right there in the midst.

41:18He says, he that commits sin is of the devil.

41:25You know, he, he begins this passage by saying, we've been begotten by God.

41:31We've been conceived that the Holy Spirit has, has impregnated us and we've received his DNA and the spark of life, the spark of eternal life.

41:42So we are of the father and in the very same sense that we are of the father he's saying in your midst to the brethren and by extension to us in the future, in our midst, they will be Children of the devil, meaning the spiritual operation of the devil will be in them and it will manifest itself with a despising of anemias and a despising of the law and an inability to obey the commandment to love one another, they'll be unable to do this because it is a spiritual operation only possible by the impregnation of the Holy Spirit.

42:22He that commits sin.

42:24He that is committed to sin is of the devil for the devil sins.

42:29From the beginning.

42:30This, this, this hatred of God's law goes all the way back.

42:35The devil is the adversary.

42:37So this adversarial attitude toward the law, this is, this is the, this is the foundation of the devil.

42:45And so when we see this brethren resisting the commandments of God, this is, this is and I shouldn't say brethren because although we may think they're brethren that John is saying they're Children of the devil, they're not brethren the devil because so he that commits sin is of the devil for the devil sins from the beginning.

43:10In fact, he says for this purpose, the son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil.

43:21So this is a spiritual battle that goes all the way back to the beginning that, that the devil sins from the beginning.

43:29That's what made him the adversary.

43:31He has this hatred of God's law.

43:34And from the beginning, God declared a plan of how he was going to deal with all of this and how he was going to destroy the works of the devil.

43:44So we know that when this book closes and we open the new book and get through the millennium and then after the millennium into true eternity, all of the devil's works will be completely destroyed.

43:58Why?

43:59Because of the manifestation of the Son of God and this, this sinning from the beginning and the purpose of the Son of God being manifested again, we can go back to Torah Genesis three and verse 15 where God declares the penalty.

44:16And he says to Satan, I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed, it shall bruise your head, it will crush your head, it will destroy you.

44:32The, the seed of the woman will destroy the devil and you shall bruise his heel.

44:37So yeah, you, you will have some success, you'll bruise his heel, but he will destroy you from the head.

44:44So that was, that's the whole, the whole purpose is declared right here.

44:47That's why Christ came into the earth to crush the head of the serpent in second Thessalonians two and verse three.

44:56 Again, Paul same thing do, don't be deceived.

45:01 This is an a, this is the period of deception and many are going to be taken out by deception.

45:08 But, but even Paul again, they were taught by Christ, they have the same message.

45:13 Paul says, let no man deceive you by any means, meaning they're gonna try everything but you need to have f we need to have a foundational understanding.

45:24 Let no man deceive you by any means for that.

45:26 They shall not come, accept their come of falling away first.

45:30 This is what this is why John is warning the brethren.

45:33 This is what they understand that Christ will appear to the glory of the saints.

45:40 But Christ said, we have to endure to the finish line.

45:44 And then he said, many will not, they will not abide in him.

45:48 And then John is saying, we're gonna give you the formula, the success formula to be safe in him.

45:55 And if you don't follow it, you will not abide in him.

45:58 And now Paul is saying, same thing, don't be deceived by any means.

46:02 Have a fundamental understanding and fundamental in Chen is what that, that day shall not come.

46:09 Unless there's a falling away.

46:10 First, there has to be an apostasy.

46:13 And in that apostasy is where we see Anomia writ large, anomia en masse an enemy all over the world and then taking over the church.

46:25 So we're going to see a church that loves lawlessness, that has no regard for God's law.

46:31 That in fact despises God's law, righteous rhetoric, notwithstanding the decisions, the judgments, the behavior are going to demonstrate anemia.

46:43 And don't we must not be deceived.

46:46 So if we're not constantly going back to Torah, loving Torah, loving God's commandments, loving God, loving His, his brethren, his Children were, were being deceived.

46:59 Righteous is as righteous does.

47:02 He says there must be this apostasy first and that man of sin, that man of lawlessness being revealed.

47:10 There's going to be a, a chief man of anemia, a chief man who despises God's law that the anti-christ and many are going to fall into that trap that when he appears, they're going to accept the mark of the beast because they've been groomed.

47:28 They've been groomed out of Christ's body and into enemy.

47:33 He says, don't be deceived.

47:34 This must happen.

47:35 There's going to be an apostasy and there's going to be the man of sin.

47:38 The son of tradition will be revealed, but Christ has come to crush all of this.

47:45 So we, we have this understanding that, yeah, it's gonna be rough.

47:49 It's gonna be horrible.

47:51 It's going to be unimaginable for us, but we just have to face each day and as we face each day, we're going to face it with the knowledge Christ came, he came, he was crucified.

48:08 He was buried, he was dead for three days.

48:10And three nights and then he was resurrected.

48:14And since that happened some 2000 years ago, we have the absolute confidence that all of this demonic work will be crushed.

48:25It will come to a, it'll come to an end.

48:27It will be no more.

48:29There will be a time when it will just be no more.

48:32And that's our expectation.

48:34He says in first John three and verse nine, whosoever is born of God does not commit sin.

48:42And this word born the Greek word again, Gano.

48:45It's, it's not, it, it it could mean born, but it can mean many things.

48:50It really could mean it means to come into existence.

48:53So beget conceived is the better translation.

48:57So in this stage, we're conceived of God and whoever is conceived of God does not commit sin for his seed remains in Him.

49:09Therefore, he cannot sin.

49:10And this again, the same abide.

49:13We we earlier this word Menno is or this verb is translated abide.

49:18So it just again, in order for us to abide to, to endure, to the end, his seed has to remain in us.

49:28And then he says here, if we're born of God, we do not commit sin for his seed remains in him and he cannot sin because he's born of God.

49:37Well, certainly when we're born into the family of God as holy righteous beings, then we cannot sin.

49:45But but John is not talking about some future state he's talking about right now.

49:50The separation between the Children of the devil and the Children of God.

49:54That's what he's talking about.

49:56And the Children of God, it's not that we're fully born Children, it's that we're conceived and we're in the womb, but we are the Children of God.

50:03The life of God is in us.

50:05And if we are begotten of God, that the sin in the context of the passage is this despising of the law, this, this commitment to go against God and to follow the devil in, in this adversarial relationship to God and to his people.

50:22If we have the Holy Spirit operating within us, if we have the DNA of Christ in us, we don't behave like that.

50:31Whosoever is begotten, who whoever has the Holy Spirit operating in them does not despise God's law does not fall into anemia.

50:40Why?

50:41Because his seed again, the, the, the, the, the sperm, we, we use the term sperm today.

50:48So sperma, that, that seed of sperm is in us.

50:53It's operating that, that it's like a woman who's carrying the child.

50:57The sperm of the father is in that DNA is in that, that being that's growing and that seed remains in us.

51:06So that, that operation of God is in us.

51:10And therefore, we cannot despise, we cannot fall into anemia.

51:14It's just not possible because we're begotten of God here in first Peter.

51:20Peter says more or less the same thing being again, not born but conceived again.

51:27Were conceived once to be these physical humans, we've been conceived again.

51:33We're now operating at another level.

51:36There's a spiritual life taking place in us.

51:38Now being conceived again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, so corruptible seed being human, sperm, incorruptible seed being spiritual sperm, so to speak by the word of God, who, who, who was sown by the word of God.

51:58Somewhere along the line, we heard the word of God preached and it resonated.

52:03We, we recognized the voice and it completely transformed us and brought us to this point of baptism and the laying on of hands and the receipt of spiritual life.

52:17This is this is incorruptible seed which lives and abides forever.

52:23So this is what John is talking about.

52:25He goes on to say in this th this is how we know in this, the Children of God are manifest and the Children of the devil.

52:38So this is how we know.

52:39So there's this contention, there's this conflict taking place that John is writing to educate the brethren.

52:50And to say if you're begotten of God, you don't commit sin because the the spiritual operation of God is operating within you.

53:02And therefore you cannot commit Alamia.

53:05You cannot engage in a, in a, in an attitude of, of hostility to the law of, of being adversarial to the law and hating your brother.

53:15This is not possible if we are begotten spiritually.

53:19So then he says in this understanding, this operation, the Children of God are obvious.

53:28So now we cannot be deceived because in this, the Children of God are obvious.

53:35Not only the Children of God are obvious.

53:37The Children of the devil are also obvious.

53:40Whosoever does not righteousness is not of God.

53:45So righteousness is God commands what righteousness is and doing His commands is righteousness.

53:55So now if you want to understand where is God operating, who are the true brethren and who are the deceivers or who are the deceived?

54:04Here?

54:04It is if if we're not able to conform to the Lord's commands and the highest manifestation of that, he says neither he, that neither he that loves not his brother.

54:19This is the key.

54:21This is the key.

54:23When you see brethren operating on a level of grudge, operating on a level of open hostility or even clandestine hostility.

54:33When you see this, you know, the Holy Spirit is not at work.

54:39John is saying it's just, it's, it's black and white.

54:41So from the beginning of this letter, John has this very, this binary approach.

54:47It's just, it's one thing or the other.

54:52It's light or darkness, it's life or death.

54:57It's, it's truth or falsehood.

55:00I i it's, it's it's love or hatred.

55:04And John says there's no in between.

55:06There's no in between.

55:07There's no gray area here.

55:09The Holy Spirit is either at work or it's not.

55:12So he says in this, the Children of God are obvious as well as the Children of the devil.

55:19If you have anomia, you're a child of the devil.

55:24If you have a love for God manifested in, in love for his Children, you're a child of God.

55:31The Holy Spirit is at work.

55:34He says for this is the message that you heard from the beginning.

55:40Th th this what I'm telling you this black and white nature of the, of, of the Children of God and especially in the end time, it's not something new for the end time.

55:53It's something that you heard from the beginning.

55:55The moment this gospel was preached, this understanding came with it and this understanding went all the way back to the beginning.

56:05So this is not new for this is the message that you heard from the beginning that we should love one another.

56:13The God is actually developing a royal priesthood that is going to reign with him on the earth.

56:20And it is not only going to teach, it's going to be an example of holiness.

56:27This is impossible if we have an adversarial nature to the law and to each other, it's just we're just not gonna be there because from the beginning, God had an intention to create a holy priesthood that would be a cohesive unit that he would operate through.

56:48So it says this is the message that you heard from the beginning that we should love one another.

56:53God is very consistent and this is only possible by the impregnation of the Holy Spirit.

57:01And if somebody is struggling with this, it begs the question.

57:05Are they real brethren?

57:07He goes on to say, don't be like Kane, not as Kane who was of the wicked one.

57:14So he's talking about the, the impregnation of God's seed in us that makes us of God.

57:23And then he's saying in our midst will be the Judases whose father is the devil.

57:29So it's black and white within the body of Christ.

57:34There will be, and, and taking the Passover, there will be Children of the father and brothers of Christ and sisters of Christ.

57:45And there will be those of the devil, Children of the devil.

57:51The, the spiritual operation of the devil is taking is building a life within them and that's it.

57:58There's no in between.

58:00There's no neutral.

58:02So he's warning the brethren as this mass deception takes over and the behavior of brethren is compromised.

58:12Don't be like Kane, what was king like?

58:15Well, he was a child of the devil and he killed his own brother.

58:20That's how, you know, that's, that's the, the, the, the culmination of the operation of the devil.

58:28It's human sacrifice.

58:30It's human sacrifice, which you know, we're in this month here of Ramadan which ends this coming Tuesday.

58:38It's the month of human sacrifice.

58:40So it's no surprise what took place in Moscow during Ramadan.

58:44There's extra, extra blessings they believe for human sacrifice, for slaughter, for Jihad, for murder during Ramadan it all year long, but especially during Ramadan.

58:56So it's no surprise that every Ramadan we see this human sacrifice because when people come into this ideology and the word of the devil is sown within them, they become murderers, they become slayers of human beings.

59:13They offer human sacrifices to the devil.

59:16And so Abel is making an offering to God.

59:19Cain is making an offering to the devil and within the body of Christ will be those who ultimately will engage in human sacrifice.

59:32They may not do it themselves, but they will betray so that it takes place.

59:37But even if they don't make the point of actual slaughter, they will assassinate the character and the reputation of brethren, they will destroy brethren with their attitude of anemia.

59:52So John is saying, don't be like that when, when, when the operation of Christ is within us, it elevates us to a whole new level, a whole new level of forgiveness, a whole new level of agape.

1:00:06This is the ultimate operation of the Holy Spirit.

1:00:10And that's the ultimate lesson of Passover.

1:00:13So don't be like Kane, who was, who was a child of the devil and engaged in human sacrifice, his own brother.

1:00:21So John is saying among what John, what John is saying is Christ taught me that there will be canes in the end time.

1:00:31And Jude himself warned of this cane like attitude.

1:00:36So he says he slew his brother.

1:00:41This is the church.

1:00:43This is the prophecy that we have to be on guard against.

1:00:48And then John also gives us the formula to ensure we do not fall into this anemia.

1:00:54He says, don't be like Cain who was of the wicked one and slew his brother.

1:00:59And why did he slay him?

1:01:01What, what, what motivated this?

1:01:03Because his own works were evil and his brothers were righteous.

1:01:08That that's what motivated him, envy, jealousy, covetousness.

1:01:13So instead of himself just being inspired by Abel's example, he became envious.

1:01:23And this is what's going to happen when, when the operation of the Holy Spirit is working, we're going to see brethren transformed over time.

1:01:31We're gonna see them capable of things that when we first knew them they weren't capable of.

1:01:37We're going to see this growth.

1:01:39 Now, do we enjoy the growth?

1:01:42 Do we praise God for the, for the growth?

1:01:44 Do we rejoice in the growth or do we realize that we're not growing?

1:01:50 And then we become envious and then we want to destroy their reputation.

1:01:55 And ultimately, if once this operation of the devil takes over, we want to destroy them.

1:02:01 Christ warned us in Matthew 24 and verse 10, that then there shall be, then shall many be offended and shall betray one another.

1:02:10 This, this, I didn't write the Bible Christ when they asked him, tell us when these things shall be and the sign of your coming.

1:02:19 Well, this is what's going to happen and this is what John is warning about.

1:02:22 This is what Peter Paul.

1:02:24 All the apostles have warned about Jude, all of them.

1:02:26 All the prophets have prophesied about that this, this cycle of anemia beginning in ancient Israel, even beginning with Adam and Eve.

1:02:36 But let's say beginning in the covenant with Israel, it's always been there.

1:02:40 The devil has always been at work to create this hostile attitude and hostile heart toward the law toward God.

1:02:49 When we're studying Ezekiel, we see the absolute oppression that the covenant people are inflicting upon the covenant people and behaving like king.

1:03:00 But Christ came to destroy all of that.

1:03:03 But in the process, it has to become clear who is really committed to Christ and, and the operation of the Holy Spirit within them to conform to Christ and who's playing and in playing, they will be overtaken by the devil and the, the spiritual operation of the devil.

1:03:23 And so Christ says, because they're not committed to Christ to the law to obeying every command, they're not running to Christ's commandments.

1:03:38 They think they can be nonchalant, indifferent, negligent and somehow they feel it's gonna be OK.

1:03:46 Satan moves in and captures them and then the operation of the devil begins within them and takes over and they become Children of the devil while the, the seed of Christ, the seed of God is operating within the brethren and they're growing into the full birth into Christ's family and doing righteousness even as He is righteous.

1:04:13 So Christ warns there are going to, there's going to be many that are going to be taken out.

1:04:20 And now we have to be among those that endure to the end and they're going to betray one another and shall hate one another.

1:04:26 And so this is a really a great lesson for us.

1:04:30 As we're coming into the Passover, there will always be Judases.

1:04:36 That's not our focus.

1:04:38 We we have to be aware.

1:04:40 Our focus is Christ and our focus is how, what can we learn from the death of Christ, from the sacrifice of Christ, from his attitude, from his agape?

1:04:54 And how can we be like that and rise above everything because the die has been cast.

1:05:01 The prophecy has been spoken.

1:05:04 Many will be offended.

1:05:06 Many will be like Cain and destroy their brother and destroy their sister and and and have this hatred of one another and in that they will manifest their Children, they were amongst us, but they are Children of the devil.

1:05:22 This is what John is warning about.

1:05:24 So I think that's a good point there for us to stop and pause and reflect and God willing will continue with first John three next week.

1:05:34 This coming last week, I said that it was I thought it was Deacon Jan speaking.

1:05:38 I was incorrect.

1:05:39 So, Pastor Murray spoke, gave a wonderful insight on what does it mean to grow in grace and just a great meditation for us as we're coming into the Passover in the days of unleavened bread and beginning to count to Pentecost.

1:05:55 How do we ensure we are growing in grace?

1:05:59 How do we ensure that we are Children of God and not Children of the devil?

1:06:03 So that's a great, great message there.

1:06:05 Deacon Jan is up this coming week.

1:06:08 God willing.

1:06:09 And so hopefully you'll be able to join us on Sabbath at 130 Eastern time while I leave this card up.

1:06:16 Let me just check the chat and see if there's anything that I need to respond to.

1:06:23 And again, just thank all of you for signing in and your commentary and I just love the fact that you are always fellowship with one another online.

1:06:32 So let me just see here.

1:06:35 video is good late.

1:06:37 Thanks for coming Carlotta.

1:06:40 Very, very good Carlotta first John 32.

1:06:42 So exciting.

1:06:43 It gives me goose bumps, wonderful praise God and that is the, that's the life of the word of God operating within us.

1:06:50 We have so much to look forward to Rosebud.

1:06:52 Absolutely.

1:06:53 Let's see here.

1:06:56 At least I know exactly how you feel.

1:06:58 Speaking to Griselda, at least one other brother where I attend, listens, we are all there is a man.

1:07:05 And let me just see here, binary approach in a gray area.

1:07:08 Yes.

1:07:09 Brother Jeff siefried my power went out but came back on quick praise God.

1:07:14 I never heard it put that way, Abel made an offering to God.

1:07:17 He made an offering to the devil.

1:07:18 Amen.

1:07:19 Heavy.

1:07:19 He says, brother Jeff, yes.

1:07:22 If on the day of Passover, a brother becomes unclean, can he still take the bread and drink the wine?

1:07:31Rick four?

1:07:32I'm gonna take that for our next study.

1:07:35We need to answer that.

1:07:37And I believe Pastor Murray has your contact information.

1:07:41So I think we just want a bit of clarification on what you're asking there, but we'll, we'll address that.

1:07:47I think it's an important question.

1:07:49Sister Rosebud.

1:07:50Thank you sister Griselda.

1:07:52Amazing.

1:07:52The love of God is past understanding.

1:07:54Amen.

1:07:55And then Chaw Jaws here finally from N M.

1:08:00Hello, everyone.

1:08:01N M, I'm not sure what N M means.

1:08:03I have to look up the different state abbreviations.

1:08:06It's just not clicking for me and thank you sister Christy.

1:08:10All right, brethren.

1:08:10Thank you so much for joining us.

1:08:13What a great God, we serve all of this was declared from the beginning.

1:08:17We can have absolute and that's what John is telling us.

1:08:20We can have confidence in the operation of God and, and, and have this expectation of eternal life.

1:08:29Just we have to stay alert.

1:08:31Praise God, what a wonderful God we serve.

1:08:34God bless you brethren.

1:08:35God willing you'll join us on Sabbath.

1:08:36God bless.