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# How assured are you of your salvation?

1. Are you certain that you are a Christian?
2. Does fellowship (Participation/Sharing) with the Father and with his Son require fellowship with His other children?
3. Are you confident that you have been “born again” and that you are a true “child of God?”
4. Does knowledge of Christ equate to fellowship with Christ?

# How assured are you of your salvation?

## If not...

1. Is it the constant struggle with sin and living up to an unrealistic standard?
2. Is the fact that the bible is difficult to understand and it stands at odds with many of the ideals we accept as truth today?
3. Doubts about what you believe have surfaced as the result of someone's rejection to what you believe?

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*1Jn 5:4,5 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

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**νικάω**, nikaō, (nik-ah'-o): to subdue (literally or figuratively): - **conquer**, overcome, prevail, get the victory.

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1Jn 5:4,5 because everyone begotten of God **conquers** the world; and this is the **conquering power** that has **conquered** the world: our faith. 5 Who then is the one who **conquers** the world if not the one who believes the Son of God is Jesus?



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Why? Apostasy? **False belief**

*1Jn 2:18,19 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.*

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# John's message.

## Stylistic Dualism

- Light vs Darkness
- Truth vs Falsehood
- Sin vs Righteousness
- Word keepers vs Word breakers
- Children of God vs Children of the devil
- Love brother vs Hate brother
- Christ vs Anti-Christ
- Abel vs Cain
- Spirit of truth vs Spirit of error
- Life (eternal) vs death

Creation language



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## Epideictic Rhetoric and Amplification

- *Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
- *1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- *1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*
  - Deceiving ourselves = make Him a liar
  - Truth = His word

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## Use of Amplification


### Doctrine of Incarnation - two worlds

*Jn 1:1-3 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

**That?**  ... From the beginning?

 ... “we” have **heard?** = **doctrine/truth**

 ... “we” have **seen?** = **person/deeds**  
(with our eyes, looked upon)


 ... “our” hands have **handled?** = **flesh**  
= **resurrection**

**That = “Word of Life”**

**Life?**  **...Manifested?**

**We have seen**  **bear witness**  **declare to you**

**Life = “Eternal Life”** ... was **with** the Father  
...was **manifested** to “us”

 ... “you” may have fellowship with “us”  
...”our” fellowship is with the Father and His Son.

**That = the Son!**

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*Gen 1:2-4* The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

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**The age old argument: If God is good then why is there so much evil?**

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### Creation Order:

- The things that were without order and chaotic were to be ruled and governed.
- The darkness and chaos waters were contained and given boundaries.
- John's message is central to this image. A new creation order, but in us.

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# World of Darkness - two worlds

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*1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.*

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2:4 no personal responsibility

*1Jn 2:4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

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2:11 undirected/unguided living

*1Jn 2:11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

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2:16 unrestrained passions

*1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.*

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Humanity

Christ



Deity

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*1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

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*1Jn 3:12* not as Cain  
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*1Jn 4:5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.*

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*1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*

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*1Jn 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.*

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# World of Light - two worlds

But John tells us there is another world...

*1 Jn 2:29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.*

2:29 A new creation order

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*1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

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*1Jn 2:5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.*

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*1Jn 2:10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.*

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*1Jn 2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

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*1Jn 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.*

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*1Jn 3:2,3 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

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*1Jn 4:9-11 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

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Jesus Christ came in the flesh to make  
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