

1 John

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

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1769 King James Version	2019 King James Version
<p>1:1 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, of the Word of life;</p> <p>2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)</p> <p>3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.</p> <p>4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.</p> <p>5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.</p> <p>6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:</p> <p>`</p> <p>7 But 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.</p> <p>`</p> <p>8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive</p>	<p>1:1 The Word of life which was from the beginning, we have heard, we have seen with our eyes, we have looked upon, and our hands have handled.</p> <p>2 For the Word of life was manifested, and we have seen it, and we bear witness, and show to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us.</p> <p>3 That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.</p> <p>4 And these things we write to you, so that your joy may be full.</p> <p>5 This then is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.</p> <p>6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not speak the truth.</p> <p>7 But if we walk in the light of God, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood (selfless sacrifice) of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.</p> <p>8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive</p>

<p>ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.</p>	<p>ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar; and His word is not in us.</p>
<p>2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: ` 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ` 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. ` 7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. ` 8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. ` 9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. ` 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. ` 12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I write unto you, fathers because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you,</p>	<p>2:1 My little children, I am writing to you these statements so that you do not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 His was the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not ours only but also the sins of the whole world. 3 And this is how we know that we know Jesus Christ: if we keep his commandments. 4 The person who says, "I know him," and yet does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in this person. 5 But whoever of us keeps Jesus Christ's word, in this person truly the love of God is perfected, by which we know that we are in Christ. 6 The people who say that they, "live in Christ," ought themselves also to walk as Jesus Christ walked. 7 Fellow believers, I am writing no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you have heard from the beginning. 8 However, this old commandment has taken on new meaning in Jesus Christ. This commandment is true in him and in you, because the darkness is past, and the true light now shines. 9 The people who say that they are in the light, and yet hate their fellow believers, are in darkness even until now. 10 The people who love their fellow believers live in the light, and nothing causes them to stumble. 11 But the people who hate their fellow believers are in darkness, and walk in darkness, and do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded their eyes. 12 I write to you, little children because your sins have been forgiven you for Jesus Christ's sake. 13 I write to you, parents, because you have known Christ that is from the beginning. I write to you,</p>

young men because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

14 I have written unto you, fathers because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

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20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

young people, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father.

14 I have written to you, parents, because you have known God that is from the beginning. I have written to you, young people, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

15 Do not love this world, nor the things that are in this world. If any love this world, the love of the Father is not in them.

16 For all that is in this world: the wrongful desires of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, and the pride in riches, are not of the Father but are of this world.

17 And this world passes away, and its wrong desires, but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

18 Little children, now are the last days, and as you have heard that the antichrist shall come, even now there are many antichrists. By this we know that now are the last days.

19 Some who seemed to be with us have gone out from us, but they were not really with us, for if they had really been with us, they would no doubt have continued with us. But they left us so that it might be demonstrated that they were never really with us.

20 But you have received an anointing from the Holy One, and you know the truth.

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it and know that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but the person who denies that Jesus is the Christ? The person is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father, but the person who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

24 Therefore let that truth abide in you which you have heard from the beginning. If that which you have heard from the beginning remains in you, you will continue in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that Jesus has promised us: eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to lead you away from the true way.

<p>27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.</p> <p>28 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.</p> <p>29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.</p>	<p>27 But the anointing which you have received from Jesus continues to bless you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. This anointing teaches you of everything, and is the truth, and is no lie, and even as it has taught you, you now live in Christ.</p> <p>28 And now, little children, abide in Christ so that, when Jesus appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Jesus at his coming.</p> <p>29 If you know that Jesus is righteous, you know that everyone who acts righteously is born of Christ.</p>
<p>3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.</p> <p>2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.</p> <p>3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.</p> <p>4 Whoever commits sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.</p> <p>5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.</p> <p>6 Whoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.</p> <p>7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.</p> <p>8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.</p> <p>9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.</p> <p>10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.</p> <p>11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.</p> <p>12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him?</p>	<p>3:1 Behold, the wonderful love the Father-Mother¹ has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it does not know God.</p> <p>2 Beloved, now we are the children of God, and it does not yet appear what we will be; but we know that, when God is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see God as He is.</p> <p>3 All who have this hope² in God purify themselves even as God is pure.³</p> <p>4 Whoever commits sin breaks the law of God, for sin is the breaking of the law of God.</p> <p>5 And you know that Jesus Christ came into the world to take away our sins, and in him is no sin.</p> <p>6 Whoever abides in Christ does not sin; whoever sins has not seen Jesus Christ, nor known him.</p> <p>7 Little children, do not let anyone deceive you; anyone who acts righteously is righteous, even as Jesus Christ is righteous.</p> <p>8 Anyone who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, so that he might destroy the works of the devil.</p> <p>9 Those who have been born of God do not commit sin, for God's spirit is in them and remains in them, and they cannot sin, because they have been born of God.</p> <p>10 In this way the children of God can be recognized and also the children of the devil: whoever does not act righteously is not of God, nor any persons who do not love their fellow believers.</p> <p>11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,</p> <p>12 not like Cain, who was of the wicked one and killed his brother. And why did he kill his brother?</p>

<p>Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.</p> <p>13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.</p> <p>14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.</p> <p>15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.</p> <p>16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.</p> <p>17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?</p> <p>18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.</p> <p>19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.</p> <p>20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.</p> <p>21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.</p> <p>22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.</p> <p>23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.</p> <p>24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.</p>	<p>Because his own works were evil, and his brother's works were righteous.⁴</p> <p>13 Do not be surprised, fellow believers, if this world hates you.</p> <p>14 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our fellow believers. Those who do not love their fellow believers remain in death.</p> <p>15 Those who hate one of their fellow believers are murderers, and you know that no murderers have eternal life abiding in them.</p> <p>16 By this we know how great the love of God for us is, because Jesus Christ laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for fellow believers.</p> <p>17 But if someone has this world's wealth, and sees one of their fellow believers in need, and is without compassion for the one in need, how can the love of God dwell in this person?</p> <p>18 My little children, let us not love just in word or in tongue, but also in deed and in truth.</p> <p>19 By this we know that we are of the truth, and can be sure in our hearts before God.</p> <p>20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things.</p> <p>21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, then we can have confidence toward God.</p> <p>22 And whatever we ask, we receive of God because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.</p> <p>23 And this is His commandment, that we should believe in His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as Jesus Christ commanded us.</p> <p>24 And those who keep God's commandments dwell in Him, and God in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the spirit which He has given us.</p>
<p>4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.</p> <p>2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:</p> <p>3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that</p>	<p>4:1 Beloved, do not believe every person who claims to speak inspired by Spirit, but test the spirits to determine whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.</p> <p>2 By this you may know the spirit of God: every thought that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God.</p> <p>3 And every thought that does not acknowledge that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And</p>

it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

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16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

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20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother,

this is the spirit of antichrist, which you have heard would come, and even now is in the world.

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome the spirits in this world which did not come from God, because He that is in you is greater than the spirits that are in this world.

5 They are of this world; therefore, they speak of this world, and this world hears them.

6 We are of God. Anyone who knows God hears us; those who are not of God do not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.

8 Anyone who does not love, does not know God, for God is love.

9 God's love toward us was manifested in this: that God sent His only beloved Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

10 This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the sacrifice (to be the way shower, and motivate us) to take away our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loves us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we live in God, and He in us, because He has given us of His spirit.

14 And we have seen and testify that the Father sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.

15 Whenever anyone confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, the spirit of God dwells in this person, and this person in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love; and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

17 By this our love is made perfect, so that we may be confident on the day of judgment, because as God is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear. Fear has torment; one who fears has not been made perfect in love.

19 We love God and others because God first loved us.⁵

<p>he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.</p>	<p>20 If people say, "I love God," and yet hate their fellow believers, they are liars, for if they do not love their fellow believers whom they have seen, how can they love God whom they have not seen? 21 And we have this commandment from God, that those who love God love their fellow believers also.</p>
<p>5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him,</p>	<p>5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves Him who is the Father loves the Son. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not difficult to keep. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes this world, and what overcomes this world is our faith. 5 Who is the person who overcomes this world, but the person who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This Jesus Christ is he who came by water and blood, not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is Spirit that bears witness, because Spirit is Truth. 7 For there are three witnesses.⁶ 8 There are three witnesses on the earth: the spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three agree. 9 The testimony of people is often accepted. The testimony of God is greater, for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the witness in themselves. Those who do not believe God, have made God a liar because they do not believe the testimony that God gave of His Son. 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 Anyone who has the Son has life, and the person who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I have written all this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life, and so that you may continue to believe in the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in the Son of God, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us, whatever we</p>

<p>that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.</p>	<p>ask, we know that we have what we desired from him. 16 If any persons see some of their fellow believers commit a sin which is not to death, they are to ask the Son of God for help, and he will give life to those who do not sin to death. There is a sin which leads to death; I do not say that anyone should pray for the person doing it. 17 All unrighteousness is a sin, but there is sin which does not lead to death. 18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; those who are born of God keep themselves from sin, and the wicked one does not touch them. 19 And we know that we are of God, while this whole world around us lies in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, so that we may know God that is true, and we are in God that is true, and in Christ the Son of God. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.</p>
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¹ 3:1 The inclusive NRSV has this wording.

² 3:3 A Christian Science practitioner has indicated that she likes to spiritually interpret verse 3:3 in the 1769 KJV as if it means, "And every man that has this hope in himself purifies himself, even as God *is* pure." Actually, verses 3:1-3 lend themselves to spiritual interpretation. These verses can be spiritually interpreted legitimately in many different ways.

³ 3:1, 2, 3 The reader may wish to read these verses alternately as, 1 "Therefore, the world does not know us, because it does not know Christ.

2 "Beloved, now we are the children of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when Christ is revealed, we shall be like Christ, for we shall see Christ clearly.

3 "And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves even as Christ is pure."

⁴ 3:12 Genesis 4:8

⁵ 4:19 Many modern translations render this verse roughly as, "We love because God first loved us." Whether "we love" or "we love God," either way it is a wonderful idea.

⁶ 5:7 The rest of this verse, the reference to the Trinity, in the 1769 KJV is not in the original manuscripts: it was added later, after early Christianity had adopted the doctrine of the Trinity. The later addition to the 1769 KJV is, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."