

John – Disciple of Jesus at end of ministry & life

- strong words & themes from 'son of thunder'
- addressing a group leaving, false teaching
- loves them, led by Holy Spirit, important message

Themes...

Walk in Light not in Darkness

Walk in Love not in Hatred

Walk in Truth not in Lies

Walk in Right living not in Sin

"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

"This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son."

"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."

- 1. Who We Are 1-4
 - a) Born of God
 - 'everyone' indicates a choice
 - 'believes' responds to God's offer
 - born physical and spiritual birth
 - regeneration a real thing
 - b) Belong to a Family
 - Father radical idea and term
 - brothers and sisters family
 - love commitment to them, not only feelings

c) Behavior Changes

- obedience be like Dad
- love is the basis start by loving
- not burdensome get to respond
- 'carrying out' shift for life
- d) Overcoming the World
 - Jesus has defeated sin and death
 - You are not trapped you are victorious
 - Overcoming an important concept

- 2. Who Jesus Is vs.6-10
 - dispute over passage, what I thinka) Water
 - baptism of Jesus, response of the Father

Matthew 3:16-17 "And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

b) blood

- cross of Christ
- sacrificial system, covering for sin
- lamb of God once for all mankind

c) Spirit

- Holy Spirit given to us
- empowers and testifies
- clear testimony about the truth

- d) accepting Jesus is God
 - not just good but God believing
- 3. Where we will end up vs. 11-12
 - a) found in Jesus
 - eternal life
 - b) clear about who has and who does not

So What

- 1. Know Who You Are
 - who your Father is
 - who your Family is
 - what freedom you have to act
- 2. Remember God Testifies
 - Jesus was the promised messiah
 - Record stands for us
- 3. Confidence for Eternity
 - eternal life in Christ