

CERTAINTIES OF THE FAITH

[1 JOHN 5:18-21]

"WE KNOW" [6 TIMES HERE]

- DON'T LET WHAT YOU DO KNOW... "BE UPSET"
BY WHAT YOU... DON'T KNOW —

"STAY TRUE"

TO WHAT IS FOUNDATIONAL: "WE KNOW"
... POSITIVELY... ABSOLUTELY... WHO
JESUS CHRIST IS -- AND... WHO WE ARE
IN CHRIST... AND... THE POSITION WE
HAVE... OVER THE DEVIL —

AND

THE PRACTICE OF SIN... IS NO LONGER
OUR NATURE... FOR... "WHO SOEVER IS
BORN OF GOD... SINNETH NOT" (4:18)

— SD —

I) CONCERNING CHRISTIAN PURITY — (18)

"WE KNOW"

[THE CHRISTIAN LIFE... IS A... HOLY LIFE]

IN TEACH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT... AN
"UNHOLY CHRISTIAN"... IS A CONTRADICTION
IN TERMS: LIKE SAYING:

"AN UNSAINTLY SAINT"

A) THE FACT STATED -- (18)

(WHO SOEVER IS BORN OF GOD...)

NOTE

IT DOES NOT STATE...

THE WELL-MEANING -- THE HARD TRIER
OR -- THE NEW LEAFER -- BUT
-- THE REGENERATED --

⑤ THE FACT SUMMED-UP = (SINNETH NOT)

PRESENT TENSE: "SINNETH NOT"

MEANING: A CONTINUAL -- HABITUAL
PRACTICED COURSE OF SIN --

NOT

AN ISOLATED OR OCCASIONAL ACT
OF -- WRONG DOING -- WHICH SADDENS
THE BELIEVER'S HEART --

SINNING HERE IS: [SIN AS A HABIT]

THAT IS: CONSTANTLY -- CONTINUALLY --
HABITUALLY. [LIFESTYLE OF SIN]

⑥ THE FACT ANNALIZED -- (18)

-- "KEEPTH HIMSELF"

-- REFUSED -- TO BE SHACKLED --

-- "WE KNOW"

⑦ OUR NATURE HAS BEEN --

TRANSFORMED --

WE HAVE BEEN

SPIRIT BORN -- AND ARE SPIRIT --

LEAD

② ONCE IT WAS OUR NATURE TO SIN -
BUT NOW IT IS UNNATURAL -
— WE HAVE A NEW NATURE —

③ I MAY SOMETIMES GO WRONG BUT
I WILL NOT GO ON IN IT — (THE BELIEVER)

④ THE NEW BIRTH OF THE SPIRIT HAS
BROUGHT THE "BELIEVER" TO A CHANGE
IN THEIR COURSE —

⑤ THE FACT EMPHASISED —
"THE WICKED-ONE TOUCHETH HIM NOT"

① THE DIVINE PRESENCE WITHIN
THE BELIEVER PERCEIVES AND
PROTECTS AGAINST EVIL —

② THE WICKED-ONE CANNOT LAY HOLD
ON THE BELIEVER — HE CANNOT
GET A GRIP ON HIM —

— REMEMBER —

③ WE ARE KEPT BY DIVINE PRESENCE
AND POWER — [JOHN 3:8]

"HE WAS" MANIFESTED
TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE
DEVIL" —

II] THE CHRISTIAN POSITION - (19)

"WE KNOW" WE ARE OF GOD -

(A) THE CERTAINTY OF THE BELIEVERS POSITION - [WE ARE OF GOD] -

WE ARE:

① IN THE FAMILY - (WASHED)
- IN THE BLOOD... FILLED -
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT -

② IN THE FELLOWSHIP - "THE BODY"
OF CHRIST - HIS CHURCH -

WE HAVE:

- A FORGIVEN PAST - (EPA 2:1-7) -
A FEAR PRESENCE - WE ARE OF GOD
REGENERATED - AND NOT MERELY
RELIGIOUS -

WE

LIVE A LIFE THAT CAN BE IDENTIFIED
BY ITS DIFFERENCE - IN A WORLD
AT ITS WORST - WE LIVE LIFE
- AT ITS BEST -

AND

WE LIVE IN A GREAT HOPE - -

WE LOOK

FOR HIS GLORIOUS APPEARING - -

WHAT A HOPE - "WE KNOW"

③ THE CONTRAST OF THE BELIEVERS --
-- SITUATION -- (19B)

"THE WORLD LIETH IN WICKEDNESS"

① THE WORLD IS "DOMAIN" AND CONTROLLED
BY THE DEVIL --

THEREFORE

ITS NOT GOING TO GET -- BETTER

HE IS THE

"PRINCE AND POWER OF THE AIR" --
(EPH 2:2)

"THE SPIRIT THAT KNOW WICKEDNESS" --

② THE WORLD SYSTEM IS DOMINATED
BY THE DEVIL --

HE IS:

IN CHARGE OF THE GOVERNMENTS
OF THE WORLD --

HE IS IN CHARGE OF THE SECULAR --
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS OF THE LAND --
AND

HE IS IN CHARGE OF THE "RELIGIOUS"
SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD --

WHICH ARE ABOUT MEN --

AND THEIR WELL BEING -- LIVING HERE --

-- AND NOT GOD'S WILL & LEADERSHIP --

III] THE CHRISTIAN'S PERCEPTION - (20-21)

~WE KNOW~

IF LIFE HAS BEEN IMPARTED --

IF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS POSSIBLE --

IF FELLOWSHIP IS ENJOYED WITH

GOD - IN CHRIST -

IT IS BECAUSE WE "KNOW" --

(A) THE DIVINE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST -

WE KNOW

~THE SON OF GOD IS COME~

THE INCARNATION:

ASK THE ANGELS... ASK MARY

AND JOSEPH... JOHN THE BAPTIST...

THE APOSTLES... THE DISCIPLES...

THE SON OF GOD HAS COME --

ASK US

THE SAVED... HE LIVES... IN US --

INSPIRATION THRU ILLUMINATION...

HE HAS GIVEN US... REVELATION...

AN UNDERSTANDING...

A GRASP OF... HOLY THINGS...

A KNOWLEDGE OF GOD:

BASED ON A... PERSONAL & INTIMATE

"RELATIONSHIP" --

THE REGENERATION:

— THE LIFE OF GOD IN MAN —

— "BORN FROM ABOVE" —

[LIFE ETERNAL + EVERLASTING]

③ THE DIVINE TRUTH OF JESUS CHRIST - (20)

— BOTH DIETY + DESTINY —

TRUE: THE STANDARD... TO ALIVE BY —
AS WE

KNOW JESUS... WE COME TO A "DESIRE" —
TO ALLOW HIS PRECISION... AND —
RESTORATION... IN US —
THIS IS HIS "DIE"TY AT WORK —

WE ARE IN HIM THAT IS TRUE - (20)

"EVEN JESUS CHRIST"

WE ARE... PLACED AND FORMED —

IN HIM... THE ONLY TRUE & LIVING

— GOD —

HE IS... ACCURATE & WITHOUT —

— VARIATION —

[JAMES 1:17]

"EVERY GOOD GIFT" "EVERY PERFECT GIFT"
MEANS: THE "ACT OF GIVING" - HIS NATURE

"FATHER OF LIGHTS"

"NO VARIABLENESS... NEITHER SHADOWS

— OF TURNING — PERFECT ACCURACY

~ CONCLUSION ~

① WE KNOW ~ (18)

THIS IS THE ASSURANCE OF
HOLINESS OR MARKS OF THE
TRUE BELIEVERS. "CONCEPTION"

② THE PRACTICE OF SIN -- IS NO
LONGER OUR NATURE --
OUR NATURE --
HAS BEEN "TRANSFORMED" TO AN
"OVERCOMER" --

WE CAN NOW OVERCOME
TEMPTATION --
"BORN OF GOD -- SINNETH NOT"

③ THE PRESENCE OF SIN -- IS NO
LONGER ACCEPTABLE --

"WHOEVER IS BORN OF GOD" --
"KEEPTH HIMSELF" (18)

WE HAVE A NEW MASTER -- A NEW
NATURE -- A NEW MOTIVE -- SO
[WE REFUSES TO BE SHACKLED]

WE

PROTECT CHRIST'S PRESENCE -- THERE IS:
NO DELIBERATE AND KNOWINGLY
"LIFE IN SIN" --

② WE KNOW - THE WICKED ONE IS OVERCOME -
[18c-19] SATAN - CANNOT TOUCH ME - (18c)

SATAN TOUCHES ME NOT... TEMPTS YES -
-- BUT -- TO LAY HOLD OF -- NO
- "I AM PROTECTED" -

~ THIS IS MY HERITAGE... IN CHRIST -
- "I AM SEPARATED" -
GOD'S PRESENCE -- SEPARATES -- US
BY -- "THE HOLY SPIRIT" -

GIVEN -- AT REGENERATION -

"THIS IS THE TRUE GOD -- AND ETERNAL
LIFE" -- (20b)

~ WE ARE "REGENERATED" -- AND NOT
MERELY RELIGIOUS -
IN A

WORLD -- AT ITS WORSE -- WE LIVE --
-- LIFE AT ITS BEST -

I HAVE A PAST -- YES -- BUT NOW -- A
NEW PRESENT -- SEPARATED -- UNTO
- GOD -

SATAN -- TOUCHES ME NOT -- (WHY)

"IN HIM" [BECAUSE OF OUR SAVIOUR] (20)

~ WE KNOW HIM & WE ARE IN HIM - [END]