

➤ Apostolic/Scriptural Unfolding – NT Epistles Interpretive Lens

Exhortational Foundation

I never asked you to live the Christian life, I came to share MU 1175 with you.

I can't count the broken roads I've been down,

 Rhett Walker Band - When Mercy Found Me (with lyrics)

How Does God COMMUNICATE With Us?

Building # Blocks



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12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. 14 I write to you, fathers. because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you. and you have overcome the evil one

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for 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 passes away, and the lust of it: but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that of God, nor he who does not love his brother. it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us. but they were not of us; for if they had been of II For this is the message which you have heard us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

any one does sin, we 20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who the Son has the Father also. 24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he has promised us, eternal

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4 Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous. as he is righteous. 8 He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God commits sin: for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. 10 By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not

from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. 15 Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

> 19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God: 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask. because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who keep his commandments abide in him. and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

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7 Beloved let us love one another; for love is sent his only Son into the world, so that we the testimony that God has borne to his Son. loved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love God has not life. one another. 12 No man has ever seen God; if we love one another. God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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17 In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. 19 We love, be- 19 we know that we are of God, and the who cause he first loved us. 20 If any one says. "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him.

5:1 Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who for many false prophets have gone out into the loves the parent loves the child. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ | we love God and obey his commandments. has come in the flesh is of God. 3 and every For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. # For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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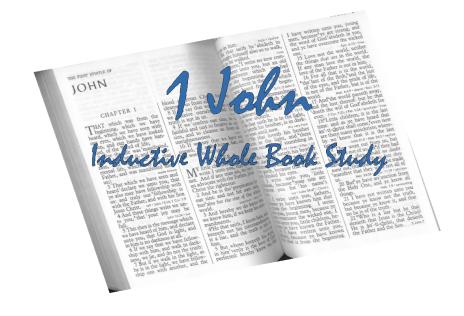
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Believe Laid down His Life

Blood Light Born Of God Love

Brother Overcome
Christ Perfect
Commandment Righteous

Confidence Savior
Darkness Sin
Eternal Life - Life Son

Fellowship Son Jesus Christ

From The Beginning Son Of God

God Spirit

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Living Confidently as God's Children: The Assurance of Eternal Life.

SR Session 219 focuses on a spiritual study, beginning with a prayer emphasizing gratitude for the ability to gather and learn together. The main discussion centers around the exploration of themes from the Epistle of 1 John, particularly on topics such as the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the assurance of eternal life, and the believer's identity in Christ. We are encouraged to grow in spiritual maturity, express God's love to others, and embrace their oneness with Christ. The session includes a review of a previous discussion, which highlighted the transformative power of God's love and the importance of experiential knowledge over mere intellectual understanding. The session also included directives to actively cultivate a deeper understanding of one's identity in Christ and manifest God's wisdom and character in daily life.

These points capture the main themes, topics, concepts, directives, exhortations, and encouragements presented in the SR 219 transcript.

Main Themes, Topics, and Concepts

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God's Love and Fellowship:

- Emphasis on understanding and experiencing God's love, which originates from God and should b manifested through believers.
- •The transformative power of God's love flowing through believers to the world.

Eternal Life:

- Presented as a present reality experienced through the indwelling of God's Spirit, not just a future promise.
- Assurance of eternal life and confidence in being God's children.

Identity in Christ:

- Recognizing and embracing one's identity in Christ.
- Understanding that God's love and life are now resident within believers.

Main Topics

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:

- Assurance that believers abide in God and He in them through the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit as the foundation of a believer's identity and spiritual life.

Manifestation of Divine Love:

- The transformative power of God's indwelling life.
- God's love flowing through believers to the world.

Assurance of Salvation:

- Confidence in being God's children and the assurance of having eternal life.
- The role of the Holy Spirit in providing this assurance.

Key Concepts

Oneness with Christ:

- Embracing the oneness with Christ, recognizing that God's love and life are now resident within believers.
- The unique relationship between believers and Christ through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Experiential Knowledge:

- Moving beyond intellectual understanding to experiential knowledge of God's love and presence.
- The importance of knowing and experiencing God's love personally.

Transformative Power of God's Love:

- The necessity of participation in God's love to experience transformation.
- The continuous transformation from glory to glory through the indwelling life of God.

Directives, Exhortations, and Encouragements

Directives

Cultivate Understanding:

- Believers are urged to cultivate a deeper understanding of their identity in Christ.
- Continuous growth in spiritual maturity and understanding of God's love.

Express God's Love:

- Actively express God's love to others from a place of self-awareness.
- Being an effective witness and testimony of God's love.

Manifest God's Wisdom and Character:

- Seek to manifest God's wisdom and character in daily life.
- Allowing God's love to transform and reflect in every aspect of life.

Exhortations

Grow in Awareness:

- Encouragement to grow in the awareness of God's indwelling presence and the assurance of His salvation.
- Becoming familiar with the Holy Spirit's presence and work within.

Live Out God's Love:

- Embrace and live out God's love in relationships with others.
- Recognizing God's love as a manifestation of His life within believers.

Seek Deeper Understanding:

- Continuously seek a deeper understanding and experience of God's love.
- Embracing the self-appreciating love of God and enjoying being a child of God.

Encouragements

Confidence in Identity:

- Encouragement to live confidently as God's children, embracing their identity in Christ.
- Assurance of being God's children through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Joyful Participation:

- Encouragement to participate joyfully in God's created order.
- Seeking opportunities to express God's love and wisdom.

Prayer and Reflection:

- Encouragement to use prayer and reflection as tools to deepen understanding and awareness of God's presence.
- The significance and importance of prayer in experiencing God's love and presence.

These themes, topics, concepts, directives, exhortations, and encouragements collectively emphasize the importance of understanding and experiencing God's love, the assurance of eternal life, and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.



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12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. 14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for 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 passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.

18 Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore 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 it might be plain that they all are not of us.

20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses

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3:1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Every one who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 He who commits sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. 10 By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not do right is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.

11 For this is the message which you have hear from the beginning, that we should love one another 12 and not be like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him Because his own deeds were evil and his brother' righteous. 13 Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out death into life, because we love the brethren. He wh does not love abides in death. 15 Any one who hate his brother is a murderer, and you know that no mur derer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this w know love, that he laid down his life for us; and w ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 Bu if any one has the world's goods and sees his brothe in need, yet closes his heart against him, how doe God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us no love in word or speech but in deed and in truth

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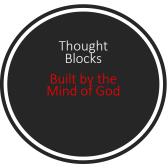
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7 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and re who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so 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 expiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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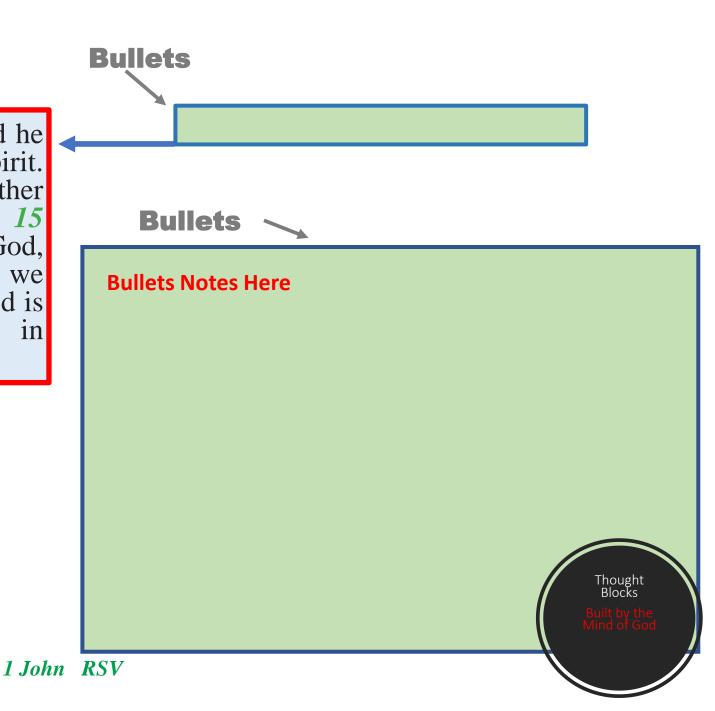




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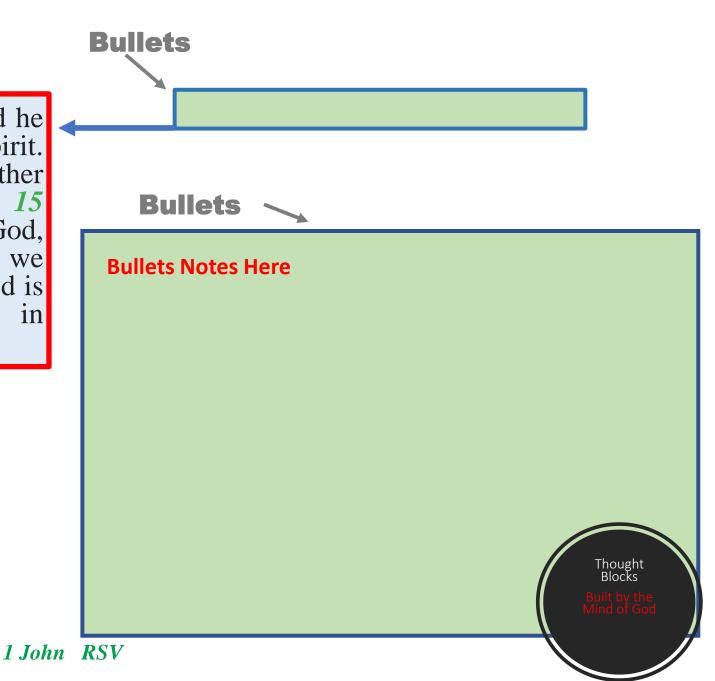
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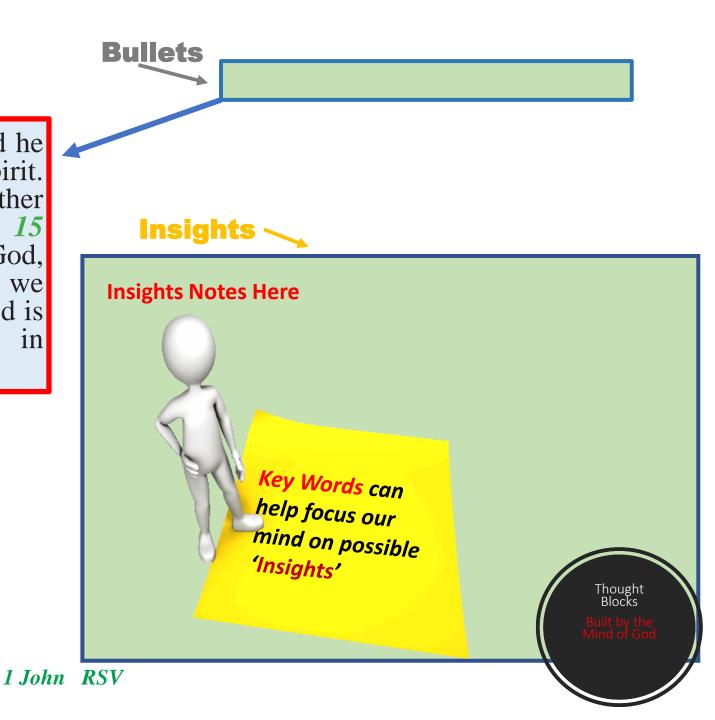
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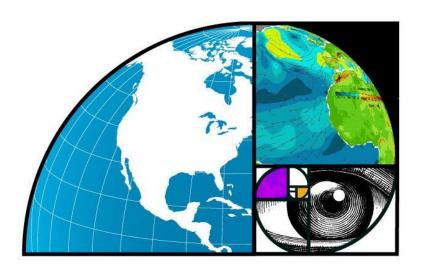
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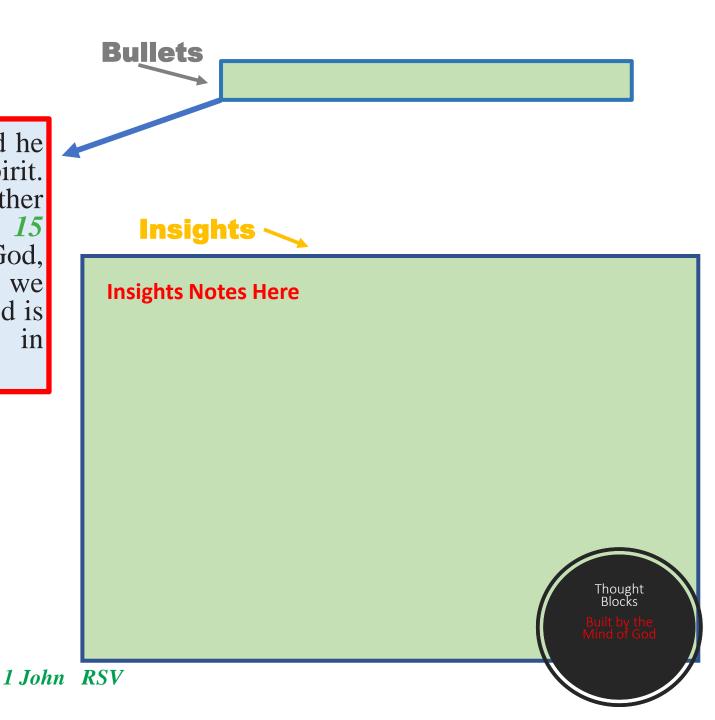
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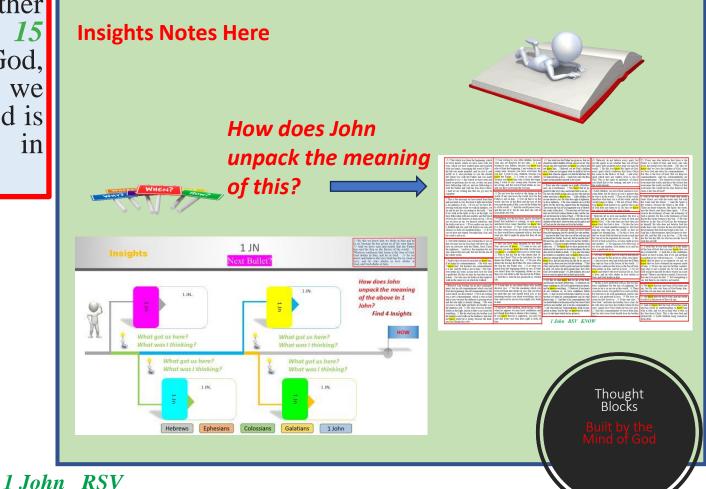
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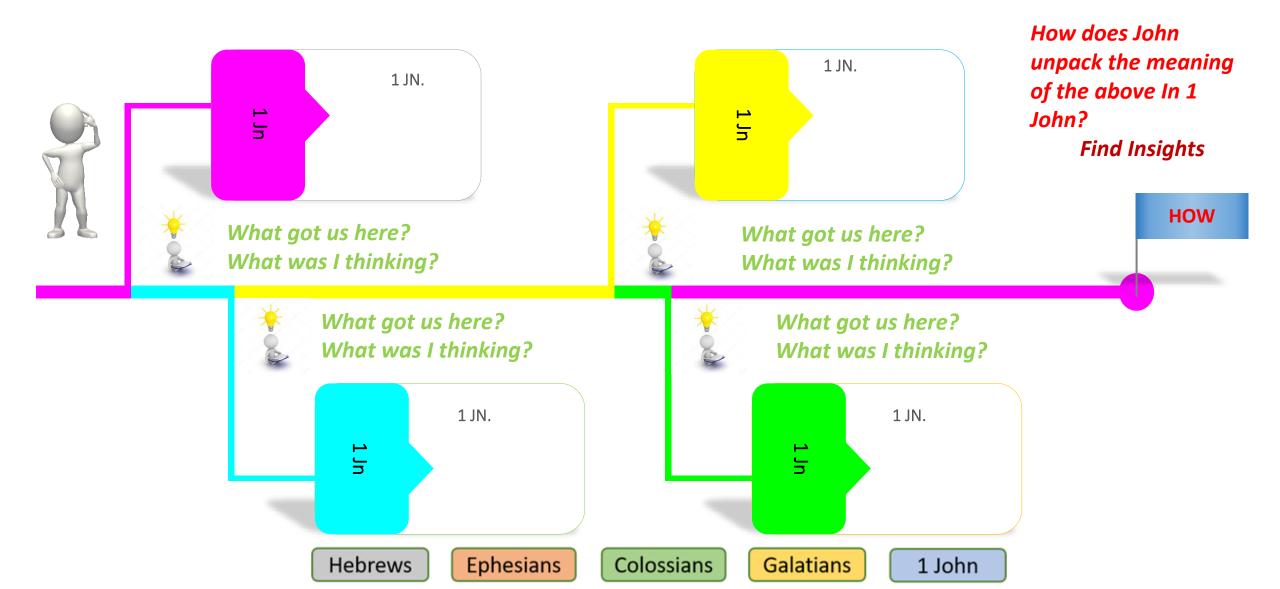
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From Bullets to Insights

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Please describe how the four bullet points relate to the main topic of the paragraph.

"By this we know that we abide": This point emphasizes the assurance believers have in their relationship with God. It reflects the theme of mutual abiding, as stated in 1 John 4:13, which mentions that believers know they abide in God because He has given them His Spirit.

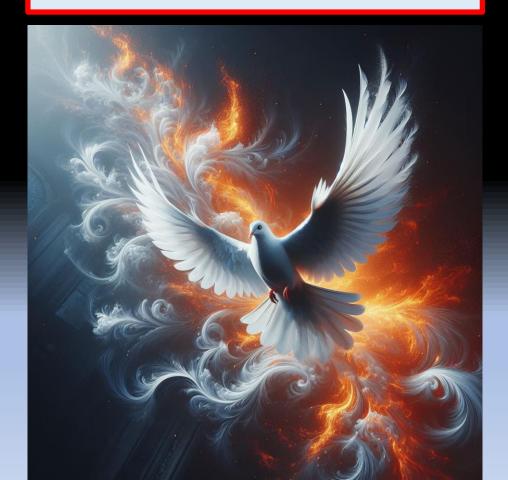
"And we have seen and testify": This supports the theme by highlighting the role of witness and testimony in the believer's life. In 1 John 4:14, the passage states that believers testify that the Father sent His Son as the Savior of the world. This testimony is a crucial part of the believer's connection to God and reinforces their abiding relationship.

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God": This point underscores the importance of confession in the abiding relationship. According to 1 John 4:15, confessing Jesus as the Son of God is a condition for God abiding in the believer and vice versa. This confession is a declaration of faith that solidifies the mutual indwelling.

"We know and believe the love God has for us": This emphasizes the central role of love in the relationship between God and believers. 1 John 4:16 states that knowing and believing in God's love is foundational to abiding in Him. The passage concludes by affirming that God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, further reinforcing the theme of mutual abiding through love.

Overall, these points collectively illustrate the core message of 1 John 4:13-16, which is the intimate and reciprocal relationship between believers and God, made possible through the Holy Spirit, faith in Jesus, and divine love.

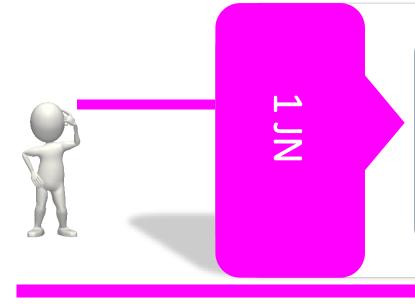
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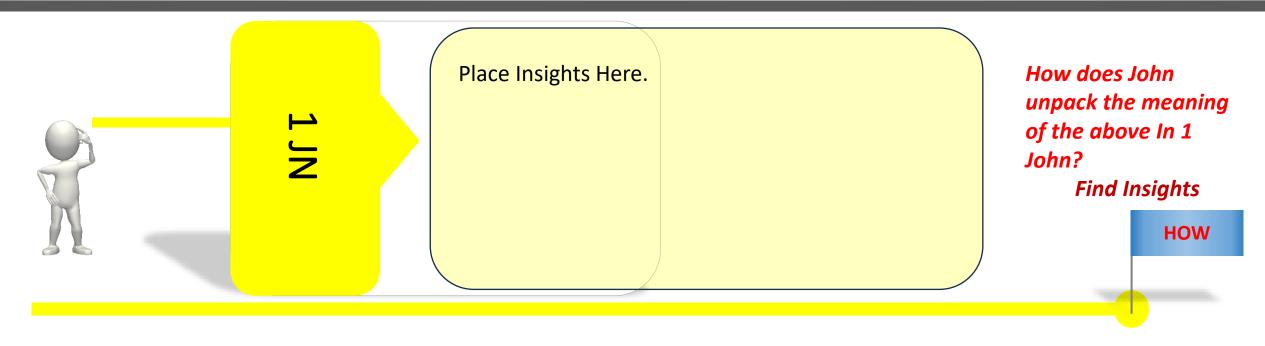
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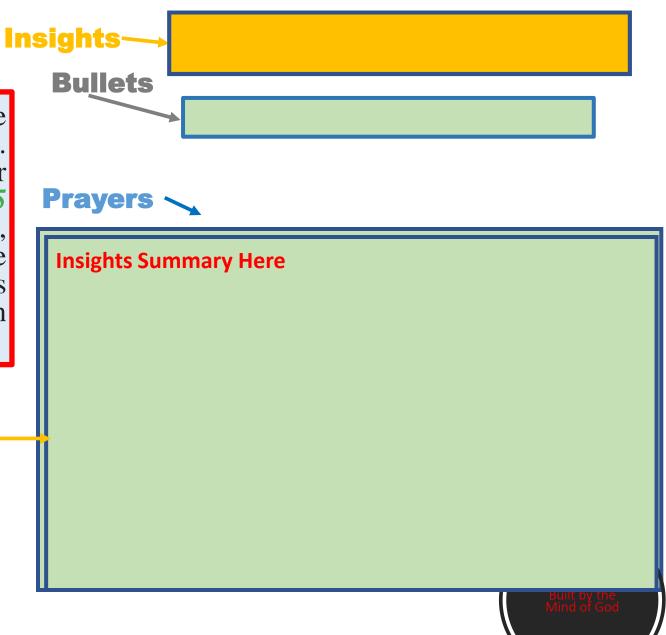
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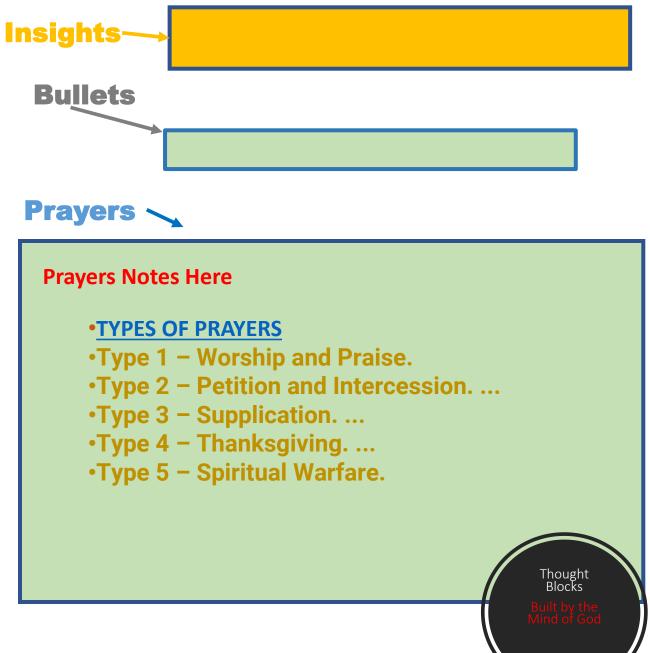


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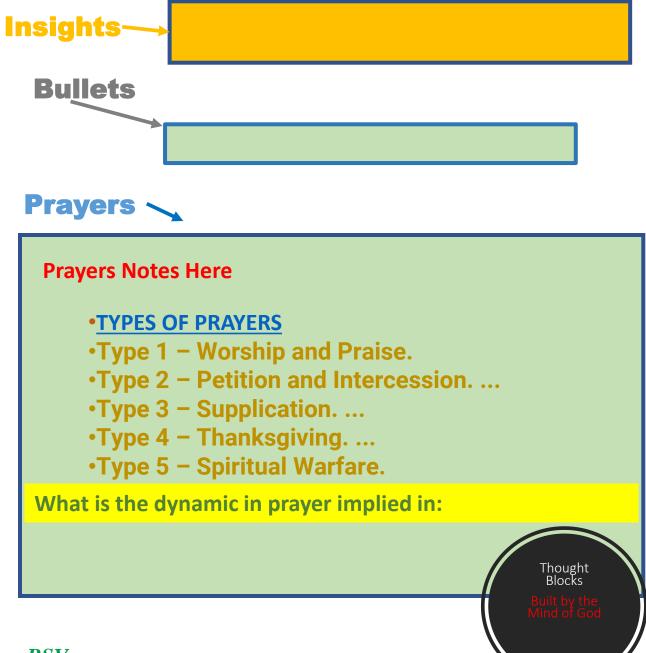
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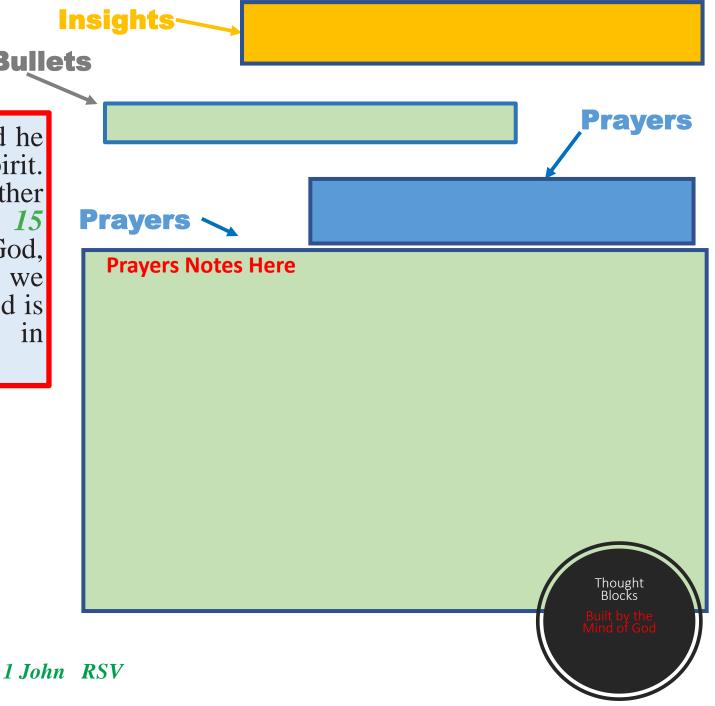


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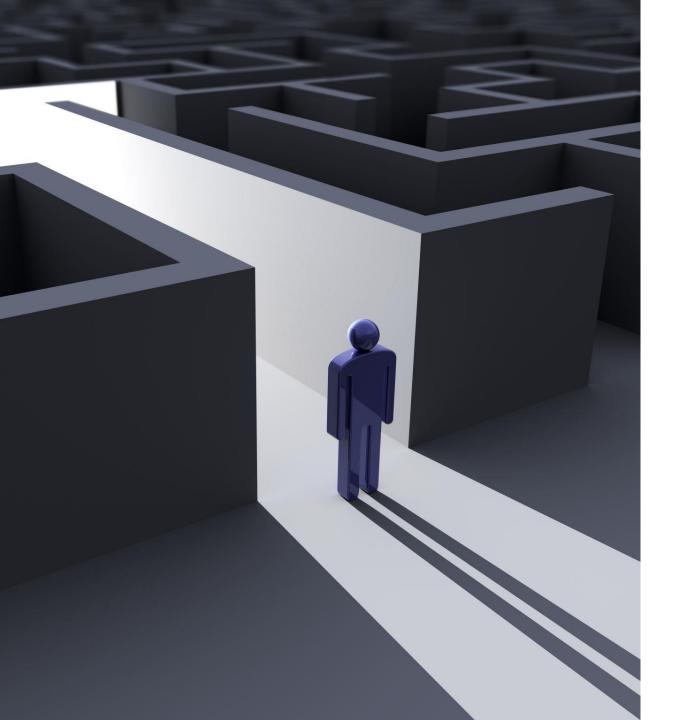
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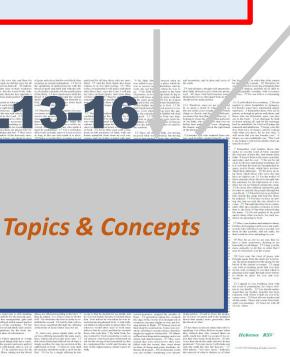
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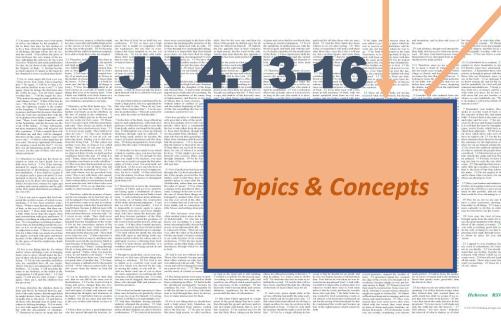
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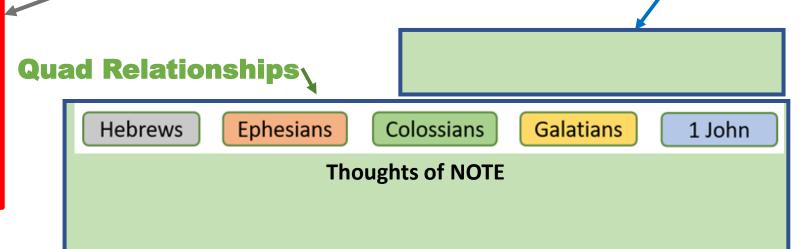
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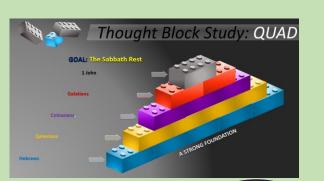
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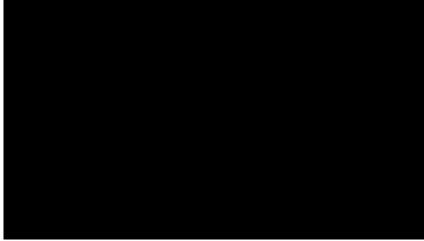
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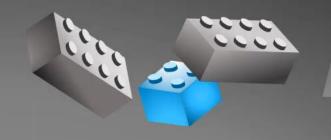
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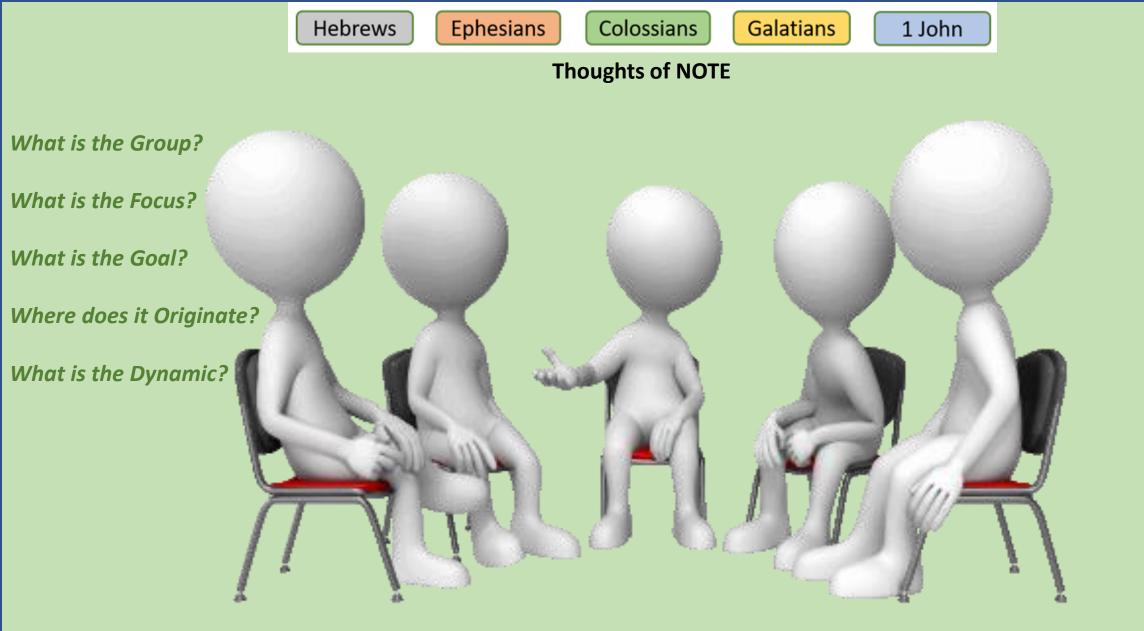
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18 Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come; therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us. but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are

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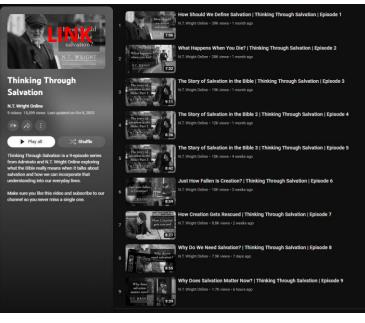
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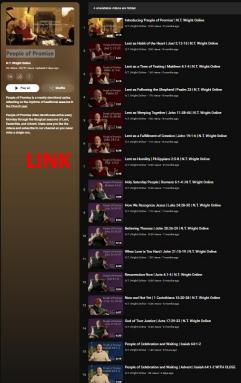
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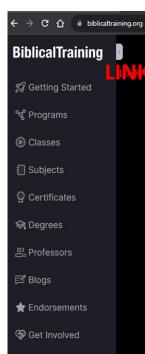
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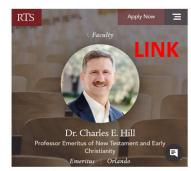
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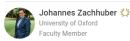
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Knowledge and its Limits in Clement of Alexandria

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