

# THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN.

## THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

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(Introversion and Alternation.)

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**A** | 5. 1—21. CHRIST.

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### NOTES.

1. WRITTEN BY the apostle John, as is proved no less by its character than by external testimony. The similarity in tone and language to the Fourth Gospel shows both to be the work of that disciple whom Jesus loved (John 21. 7).

2. WRITTEN, as generally understood, to the "circle of Asiatic churches". But it is suggested that this First Epistle of John may be reckoned among the *Diaspora* and earlier epistles, for the following reasons:—

(a) The occurrence of the word *parousia* (2. 28). See Matt. 24. 3; 1 Thess. 2. 19, &c.

(b) The significance of the possessive pronoun *hēmeteros* (1. 3; 2. 2: see Notes), and

(c) Paul's statement that John was one of the "pillars", i. e. teachers of the Law, and therefore a minister of the circumcision (see Gal. 2. 9).

The *position* that the epistle occupies canonically among the *Diaspora* writings strengthens the argument that it also is to be reckoned among them.

3. THE CONTENTS are practical teaching in the light of the love of God. God is Life, is Light, is Truth, is Righteous, is Love, and we have fellowship with Him through the Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. "We know that He abideth in us by the spirit which He hath given us" (3. 24). The apostle sets in vivid contrast the death, darkness, falsehood, hate, which are the characteristics of the devil who "sinneth from the beginning" (3. 8), and of those who are led by the spirit of error (4. 6), with the work of the Holy Spirit in believers. But the dominant conception running throughout the epistle is that of the love which constraineth, as it constrained Paul (2 Cor. 5. 14).

4. WRITTEN FROM Ephesus according to tradition, but no definite statement can be made as to either place or time of writing. The character of the contents indicates a much earlier date than is usually supposed (see Ap. 180).

# THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN.

**A a<sup>1</sup>** **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;

**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;)

**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.

**4** And these things write we ° unto you, ° that your joy may be ° full.

**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.

**b<sup>1</sup>** **6** ° If we say that we have ° fellowship ° with Him, and walk ° in darkness, we lie, and do ° not the ° truth:

**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.

**8** ° If we say that we have ° no ° sin, we deceive 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.

**a<sup>2</sup>** **2** 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.

**b<sup>2</sup>** **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.

**1. 1-2. 17 (A, p. 1870). CONCERNING CHRIST.**  
(Repeated Alternation.)

**A** a<sup>1</sup> | 1. 1-5. Cause of writing.  
b<sup>1</sup> | 1. 6-10. Test of fellowship.  
a<sup>2</sup> | 2. 1, 2. Cause of writing.  
b<sup>2</sup> | 2. 3-6. Test of knowing God.  
a<sup>3</sup> | 2. 7, 8. Cause of writing.  
b<sup>3</sup> | 2. 9-11. Test of being in the Light.  
a<sup>4</sup> | 2. 12-14. Cause of writing.  
b<sup>4</sup> | 2. 15-17. Test of loving God.

**1. 1** from the beginning. Gr. *ap'* (Ap. 104. iv) *archēs*. See John 8. 44. Occ. nine times in this epistle. seen. Ap. 133. I. 8. have. Omit.

looked upon. Ap. 133. I. 12.  
handled. Gr. *psēlaphaō*. See Acts 17. 27.  
of. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

Word. Ap. 121. 10. Fig. *Anabasis*. Ap. 6.  
life. Ap. 170. 1. Cp. John 1. 4.

**2** For=And.  
manifested. Ap. 106. I. v.  
bear witness. See John 1. 7, and p. 1511.  
shew=report. Gr. *apangellō*. See Acts 4. 23.  
unto=to.

eternal. Ap. 151. II. B. i. "Eternal life" occ. in this epistle six times.

with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. Father. Ap. 98. III.

**3** declare. Same as "shew", v. 2.

that=in order that. Gr. *hina*.

fellowship. See 1 Cor. 1. 9.

with. Ap. 104. xi. 1. Son. Ap. 108. iii.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

**4** full=fulfilled or filled full. Ap. 125. 7. Cp. John 15. 11; 16. 24; 17. 13.

**5** This then=And this.

message. Gr. *angelia*. Only here and 3. 11.

of=from. Ap. 104. iv, as v. 1.

declare. Gr. *anangellō*. See Acts 20. 27.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1. light. Ap. 130. 1.  
in. Ap. 104. viii.

no . . . at all. Gr. *ou oudeis*. A double negative.

This is the Fig. *Pleonasm* (Ap. 6), as in v. 8.

**6** If. Ap. 118. 1. b. not. Ap. 105. I.

truth. See p. 1511 and Ap. 175. 1.

**7** as He. This refers to the Father. Cp. 2. 6.

one with one another=with one another. Not with

fellow-believers, but with the Father and the Son.

Jesus Christ. The texts read "Jesus".

sin. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. Here is the Fig. *Metalepsis*. Ap. 6.

**8** no=not (v. 6).

**9** faithful. Ap. 150. III.

just. Ap. 191. 1.

to. Gr. *hina*, as in v. 3. Lit. in order that He might forgive.

forgive. Ap. 174. 12.

unrighteousness. Ap. 128. VII. 1.

**10** sinned. Ap. 128. I. i.

liar. See 5. 10. John 8. 44. word. Ap. 121. 10.

**2. 1** little children. Ap. 108. ii. Seven times in this epistle. Elsewhere only in John 13. 33. Gal. 4. 19. In vv. 13, 18 a different word is used. unto=to. that ye . . . sin. Note carefully the telic force of the Gr. *hina* here;—"to the end that ye may not (commit) sin (habitually)." that. Gr. *hina*. sin not=may not sin. sin. Ap. 128. I. i. not. Ap. 105. II. if . . . sin=should any man sin, i. e. commit an act of sin if. Ap. 118. 1. b. any man. Ap. 123. 3. advocate. Gr. *paraklētos*. See John 14. 16. Cp. Rom. 8. 34. with. Ap. 104. xv. 3. Father. Ap. 98. III. Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI. righteous. Ap. 191. 1. 2 propitiation. Gr. *hilasmos*. Only here and 4. 10. Several times in the Sept. Lev. 25. 9. Num. 5. 8, &c. Cp. Rom. 3. 25. for. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. sins. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. not. Ap. 105. I. ours. Gr. *hēmeteros*. Emphatic. also. This should follow "world". world. Ap. 129. 1. Cp. John 3. 16. Rom. 5. 18, 19. 2 Cor. 5. 15. 3 hereby=in (Ap. 104. viii) this. know. Ap. 132. I. ii. The second "know" is in perf. tense, as in v. 4 also. 4 truth. See 1. 6. in. Ap. 104. viii. 5 word. Ap. 121. 10. love. Ap. 135. II. 1. God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1. perfected. Ap. 125. 2.

6 He that saith he ° abideth 4 in Him ought himself also so to walk, ° even as  $\text{\textcircled{h}}$ e walked.

a<sup>3</sup> 7 Brethren, I write ° no ° new commandment 1 unto you, but an old commandment which ye had ° from the beginning. The old commandment is the 5 word which ye ° have heard ° from the beginning.

8 Again, a 7 new commandment I write 1 unto you, which thing is ° true 4 in Him and 4 in you: because the darkness ° is past, and the ° true ° light ° now ° shineth.

b<sup>3</sup> 9 He that saith he is 4 in the 8 light, and hateth his brother, is 4 in darkness ° even until ° now.

10 He that ° loveth his brother 6 abideth 4 in the 8 light, and there is 7 none ° occasion of stumbling 4 in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is 4 in darkness, and walketh 4 in darkness, and ° knoweth 2 not whether he ° goeth, because that darkness ° hath ° blinded his eyes.

a<sup>4</sup> 12 I write 1 unto you, 1 little children, because your 2 sins ° are forgiven you ° for His name's sake.

13 I write 1 unto you, fathers, because ye have 3 known Him *That is* 7 from the beginning. I write 1 unto you, ° young men, because ye have ° overcome the ° wicked one. I ° write 1 unto you, ° little children, because ye have 3 known the 1 Father.

14 I ° have written 1 unto you, fathers, because ye have 3 known Him *That is* 7 from the beginning. I ° have written 1 unto you, 13 young men, because ye are strong, and the 5 word of 5 God 6 abideth 4 in you, and ye have 13 overcome the 13 wicked one.

b<sup>4</sup> 15 10 Love 1 not the 2 world, ° neither the things *that are* 4 in the 2 world. 1 If 1 any man 10 love the 2 world, the 5 love of the 1 Father is 2 not 4 in him.

16 For all that *is* 4 in the 2 world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the ° pride of ° life, is 2 not ° of the 1 Father, but is ° of the 2 world.

17 And the 2 world 8 passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the ° will of 5 God 6 abideth ° for ever.

B C A<sup>1</sup> c 18 13 Little children, it is the ° last time: and as ye ° have heard that ° antichrist ° shall come, even now ° are there many ° antichrists; ° whereby we 3 know that it is the ° last time.

d 19 They went out ° from us, but they were 2 not 16 of us; for ° if they had been 16 of us, they would *no doubt* have ° continued ° with us: but *they went out*, 1 that they might be ° made manifest that they were 2 not all 16 of us.

e 20 ° But  $\text{\textcircled{h}}$ e have an ° unction 7 from the Holy One, and ye 11 know all things.

d 21 I 14 have 2 not written 1 unto you because ye 11 know 2 not the 4 truth, but because ye 11 know it, and that 7 no lie is 16 of the 4 truth.

c 22 Who is ° a liar ° but he that ° denieth that ° Jesus ° is the ° Christ?  $\text{\textcircled{h}}$ e is 18 antichrist, that ° denieth the 1 Father and the ° Son.

23 Whosoever 22 denieth the 22 Son, ° the same hath ° not the 1 Father: [*but*] ° he that ° acknowledgeth the 22 Son hath the 1 Father also.

6 abideth. See p. 1511.

even as. Gr. *kathōs*. The expression "as  $\text{\textcircled{h}}$ e", referring to the Son, occ. six times in this epistle. See 3. 2, 3, 7, 23; 4. 17, and cp. 1. 7.

7 no = not, as v. 2.

new. Gr. *kainos*. See Matt. 9. 17.

from the beginning. Gr. *ap'* (Ap. 104. iv) *archē*. See 1. 1.

have. Omit.

from, &c. The texts omit.

8 true. Ap. 175. 1.

is past = passes away. Gr. *paragō*, as v. 17.

true. Ap. 175. 2.

light. Ap. 130. 1.

now = already. Gr. *ēdē*.

shineth. Ap. 106. I. i.

9 even until. Gr. *heōs*.

now. Gr. *arti*.

10 loveth. Ap. 135. I. 1.

occasion, &c. Gr. *skandalon*. See Rom. 9. 33.

11 knoweth. Ap. 132. I. i.

goeth. Cp. John 12. 35.

hath. Omit.

blinded. Gr. *tuphloō*. See 2 Cor. 4. 4.

12 are forgiven. Ap. 174. 12.

for, &c. = on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) His name.

13 young men. Ap. 108. x.

overcome. See John 16. 33.

wicked. Ap. 128. III. 1.

write. The texts read "wrote".

little children. Here and in v. 18 the word *paidion* (Ap. 108. v) is used.

14 have written = wrote.

15 neither. Gr. *mēde*.

16 pride. Gr. *alazoneia*. Only here and Jas. 4. 16 (boastings).

life. Ap. 170. 2.

of. Ap. 104. vii.

17 will. Ap. 102. 2.

for ever. Ap. 151. II. A. ii. 4. a.

2. 18-29 (C, p. 1870). ANTICHRIST. (*Division*.)

C | A<sup>1</sup> | 18-23. Antichrist. Definition.

| A<sup>2</sup> | 24-29. Antichrist. Protection against.

2. 18-23 (A<sup>1</sup>, above). ANTICHRIST. DEFINITION. (*Introversion*.)

A<sup>1</sup> | c | 18. Antichrist.

| d | 19. Rejection of the truth.

| e | 20. Unction.

| d | 21. Rejection of the lie.

| c | 22, 23. Antichrist.

18 last time = last hour. Cp. Acts 2. 17.

have. Omit.

antichrist. Cp. John 5. 43. 2 Thess. 2. 3-9.

shall come = cometh. are there = have arisen.

whereby = whence.

19 from. Ap. 104. vii.

if. Ap. 118. 2. a.

continued. Same as "abide", v. 6.

with. Gr. *meta*. Ap. 104. xi. 1.

made manifest. Ap. 106. I. v.

20 But = And.

unction. Gr. *chrisma*. Only here and v. 27. For the verb *chrīō* see 2 Cor. 1. 21.

22 a = the. Cp. John 8. 44. 2 Thess. 2. 11 (*the lie*).

but = except. Gr. *ei mē*.

denieth. Gr. *arneomai*. Always "deny" save Acts 7. 35; Heb. 11. 24 (both "refused").

Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

is = is not (Ap. 105. I). A negative sometimes follows such verbs as *arneomai*. Cp. the French usage.

Christ. Ap. 98. IX.

Son. Ap. 108. iii.

23 the same = he.

not. Gr. *oude*.

he that, &c. This clause is added by all the texts.

acknowledgeth = confesseth, as Matt. 10. 32, &c.

A<sup>1</sup> f<sup>1</sup> 24 Let that therefore <sup>6</sup>abide <sup>4</sup>in you, which <sup>ye</sup><sup>18</sup> have heard <sup>7</sup>from the beginning. <sup>1</sup>If that which ye <sup>18</sup> have heard <sup>7</sup>from the beginning shall <sup>o</sup>remain <sup>4</sup>in you, <sup>ye</sup> also shall <sup>19</sup>continue <sup>4</sup>in the <sup>22</sup>Son, and <sup>4</sup>in the <sup>1</sup>Father.

g<sup>1</sup> 25 And this is the <sup>o</sup>promise that <sup>5e</sup> hath promised us, <sup>even</sup> <sup>o</sup>eternal <sup>o</sup>life.

f<sup>2</sup> 26 These *things* <sup>14</sup>have I written <sup>1</sup>unto you <sup>o</sup>concerning them that <sup>o</sup>seduce you.

27 <sup>20</sup>But the <sup>o</sup>anointing which <sup>ye</sup><sup>18</sup> have received <sup>o</sup>of Him <sup>6</sup>abideth <sup>4</sup>in you, and ye need <sup>2</sup>not <sup>1</sup>that <sup>1</sup>any man teach you:

g<sup>2</sup> but as the same <sup>o</sup>anointing teacheth you <sup>o</sup>of all things, and is <sup>o</sup>truth, and is <sup>o</sup>no lie, and even as it <sup>18</sup>hath taught you, <sup>o</sup>ye shall <sup>6</sup>abide <sup>4</sup>in <sup>o</sup>Him.

f<sup>3</sup> 28 And now, <sup>1</sup>little children, <sup>6</sup>abide <sup>4</sup>in Him; <sup>1</sup>that, <sup>o</sup>when He shall <sup>o</sup>appear, we may have <sup>o</sup>confidence, and <sup>1</sup>not be <sup>o</sup>ashamed <sup>o</sup>before Him <sup>o</sup>at His <sup>o</sup>coming.

g<sup>3</sup> 29 <sup>1</sup>If ye <sup>11</sup>know that He is <sup>o</sup>righteous, ye <sup>3</sup>know that every one that <sup>o</sup>doeth <sup>o</sup>righteousness is <sup>o</sup>born <sup>16</sup>of Him.

D B 3 <sup>o</sup>Behold what manner of <sup>o</sup>love the <sup>o</sup>Father hath <sup>o</sup>bestowed upon us, <sup>o</sup>that we should be called the <sup>o</sup>sons of <sup>o</sup>God: <sup>o</sup>therefore the <sup>o</sup>world <sup>o</sup>knoweth us <sup>o</sup>not, because it <sup>o</sup>knew Him <sup>o</sup>not.

2 <sup>o</sup>Beloved, now are we <sup>o</sup>the <sup>1</sup>sons of <sup>1</sup>God, and it doth <sup>o</sup>not yet <sup>o</sup>appear what we shall be: <sup>o</sup>but we <sup>o</sup>know that, <sup>o</sup>when He shall <sup>o</sup>appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall <sup>o</sup>see Him <sup>o</sup>as He is.

C D<sup>1</sup> E h 3 And every *man* that hath this hope <sup>o</sup>in Him <sup>o</sup>purifieth himself, <sup>o</sup>even as He is <sup>o</sup>pure.

i 4 <sup>o</sup>Whosoever <sup>o</sup>committeth <sup>o</sup>sin <sup>o</sup>transgresseth also the law: <sup>o</sup>for <sup>o</sup>sin is <sup>o</sup>the transgression of the law.

k 5 And ye <sup>2</sup>know that <sup>5e</sup> was manifested <sup>o</sup>to <sup>o</sup>take away <sup>o</sup>our <sup>4</sup>sins; and <sup>o</sup>in Him <sup>o</sup>is <sup>o</sup>no <sup>4</sup>sin.

the. Omit. not yet. Gr. *oupō*. appear. Ap. 106. I. v. but. The texts omit. know. Ap. 132. I. i. when. Ap. 118. 1. b. see. Ap. 133. I. 8 (a). as=even as. Cp. 2. 6.

### 3. 3-15 (C, above). EFFECT UPON US. (Division.)

C | D<sup>1</sup> | 3-9. Inward purity.  
| D<sup>2</sup> | 10-15. Outward manifestation.

### 3. 3-9 (D<sup>1</sup>, above). INWARD PURITY. (Introversion and Extended Alternation.)

D<sup>1</sup> | E | h | 3. Purity.  
| | i | 4. Sin's character. Lawless.  
| | k | 5. Christ manifested. Reason.  
| | l | 6. Test of abiding.  
| | F | 7-. Warning against deceivers.  
E | h | -7. Righteousness.  
| | i | 8-. Sin's origin. The devil.  
| | k | -8. Christ manifested. Reason.  
| | l | 9. Test of being begotten of God.

3 in=upon (Ap. 104. ix. 2), i. e. set, or fixed on. purifieth. Gr. *hagnizō*. See Acts 21. 24. even as. See 2. 6. pure. Gr. *hagnos*. See 2 Cor. 7. 11. 4 Whosoever=Every one who. committeth =doeth, i. e. practiseth. See 2. 29. sin. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. transgresseth, &c.=doeth lawlessness (Gr. *anomia*. Ap. 128. III. 4) also. for=and. the transgression, &c. Gr. *anomia*, as above. 5 was manifested. Same as "appear", v. 2. to=in order that (Gr. *hina*) He might. take away Gr. *airō*. Cp. John 1. 29. Col. 2. 14. our. The texts omit. in. Ap. 104. viii. is no=there is not (Ap. 105. I).

### 2. 24-29 (A<sup>2</sup>, p. 1872). ANTICHRIST. PROTECTION AGAINST. (Alternation.)

A<sup>2</sup> | f<sup>1</sup> | 24. The word heard: abiding in them.  
| g<sup>1</sup> | 25. His promise: eternal life.  
f<sup>2</sup> | 26, 27-. The anointing: abiding in them.  
| g<sup>2</sup> | -27. His teaching: truth.  
f<sup>3</sup> | 28. Confidence through abiding in Him.  
| g<sup>3</sup> | 29. His righteousness: they born of Him.

24 remain. Same as "abide", v. 6.

25 promise. Gr. *epangelia*, the only occ. in John's writings.

hath. Omit. eternal. Ap. 151. II. B. i. life. Ap. 170. 1. See 1. 2.

26 concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

seduce=lead astray, or cause to err.

27 anointing. Same as "unction", v. 20. of. Ap. 104. iv.

of=concerning, as v. 26.

truth=true. Ap. 175. 1.

no lie=not (Ap. 105. I) a lie.

ye shall. Omit.

Him. Or, it.

28 when. The texts read "if" (Ap. 118. 1. b).

appear. Same as "made manifest", v. 19.

confidence. Gr. *parrhēsia*. See Acts 28. 31.

ashamed. Gr. *aischunō*. See 2 Cor. 10. 8.

before=from. Ap. 104. iv.

at=in. Ap. 104. viii.

coming. See Matt. 24. 3.

29 righteous. Ap. 191. 1.

doeth=practiseth. Gr. *poieō*, as 3. 7, 10.

righteousness. Ap. 191. 3.

born=begotten. A Latin MS., the Fleury Palimpsest, instead of "ashamed, &c.", reads "confounded by Him. If in His presence ye have known Him that is faithful, know that every one that doeth the truth hath been born of Him." E. S. Buchanan's transl. in *The Records Unrolled*.

### 3. 1-24 (D, p. 1870). LOVE. (Alternation.)

D | B | 1, 2. The Father's love to us.  
| C | 3-15. Effect upon us.  
B | 16-. The Son's love to us.  
| C | -16-24. Effect upon us.

3. 1 Behold. Ap. 133. I. 3. Plural.

love. Ap. 135. II. 1. Father. Ap. 98. III.

bestowed upon=given to.

that=in order that. Gr. *hina*.

sons=children. Ap. 108. i.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1. All the texts add, "and we are (so)".

therefore=on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this.

world. Ap. 129. 1.

knoweth. Ap. 132. I. ii.

not. Ap. 105. I.

2 Beloved. Ap. 135. III.

I 6 <sup>4</sup>Whosoever <sup>o</sup>abideth <sup>5</sup>in Him <sup>o</sup>sinneth <sup>1</sup>not: whosoever <sup>o</sup>sinneth hath <sup>1</sup>not <sup>o</sup>seen Him, <sup>o</sup>neither <sup>1</sup>known Him.

F 7 <sup>o</sup>Little children, let <sup>o</sup>no man <sup>o</sup>deceive you: he that <sup>o</sup>doeth <sup>o</sup>righteousness is <sup>o</sup>righteous, <sup>3</sup>even as <sup>5</sup>he is <sup>o</sup>righteous.

i 8 He that <sup>4</sup>committeth <sup>4</sup>sin is <sup>o</sup>of the devil; for the devil <sup>6</sup>sinneth <sup>o</sup>from the beginning.

k <sup>o</sup>For this purpose the <sup>o</sup>Son of <sup>1</sup>God <sup>5</sup>was manifested, <sup>1</sup>that He might <sup>o</sup>destroy the works of the devil.

l 9 <sup>4</sup>Whosoever is <sup>o</sup>born <sup>8</sup>of <sup>1</sup>God doth <sup>1</sup>not <sup>4</sup>commit <sup>4</sup>sin; for His seed <sup>o</sup>remaineth <sup>5</sup>in him: and he <sup>o</sup>cannot <sup>6</sup>sin, because he is <sup>o</sup>born <sup>8</sup>of <sup>1</sup>God.

D<sup>3</sup> G m 10 <sup>5</sup>In this the <sup>o</sup>children of <sup>1</sup>God are <sup>o</sup>manifest, and the <sup>o</sup>children of the devil: <sup>4</sup>whosoever <sup>7</sup>doeth <sup>o</sup>not <sup>7</sup>righteousness is <sup>1</sup>not <sup>8</sup>of <sup>1</sup>God, <sup>o</sup>neither he that <sup>o</sup>loveth <sup>o</sup>not his brother. 11 For this is the <sup>o</sup>message that ye heard <sup>8</sup>from the beginning, <sup>1</sup>that we should <sup>10</sup>love one another.

n 12 <sup>1</sup>Not as Cain, *who* was <sup>8</sup>of <sup>o</sup>that <sup>o</sup>wicked one, and <sup>o</sup>slew his brother. And <sup>o</sup>wherefore <sup>o</sup>slew he him? Because his <sup>o</sup>own works were <sup>o</sup>evil, and his brother's <sup>7</sup>righteous.

H 13 Marvel <sup>10-</sup>not, my brethren, <sup>o</sup>if the <sup>1</sup>world hate you.

G m 14 <sup>2</sup>We <sup>2</sup>know that we have <sup>o</sup>passed <sup>o</sup>from death <sup>o</sup>unto <sup>o</sup>life, because we <sup>10</sup>love the brethren. He that <sup>10</sup>loveth <sup>10-</sup>not <sup>o</sup>his brother <sup>6</sup>abideth <sup>5</sup>in death.

n 15 <sup>4</sup>Whosoever hateth his brother is a <sup>o</sup>murderer: and ye <sup>2</sup>know that <sup>o</sup>no <sup>o</sup>murderer hath <sup>o</sup>eternal <sup>14</sup>life <sup>6</sup>abiding <sup>5</sup>in him.

B 16 <sup>o</sup>Hereby <sup>o</sup>perceive we the <sup>1</sup>love of *God*, because <sup>5</sup>he laid down His <sup>o</sup>life <sup>o</sup>for us: and we ought to lay down *our* <sup>o</sup>lives <sup>o</sup>for the brethren.

C o 17 But <sup>o</sup>whoso hath this <sup>1</sup>world's <sup>o</sup>good, and <sup>o</sup>seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his <sup>o</sup>bowels of *compassion* <sup>o</sup>from him, how <sup>o</sup>dwelleth the <sup>1</sup>love of <sup>1</sup>God <sup>5</sup>in him?

18 My <sup>7</sup>little children, let us <sup>10-</sup>not <sup>10</sup>love <sup>o</sup>in <sup>o</sup>word, <sup>o</sup>neither <sup>o</sup>in tongue; but <sup>o</sup>in deed and in <sup>o</sup>truth.

P 19 And <sup>16</sup>hereby we <sup>1</sup>know that we are <sup>8</sup>of the <sup>18</sup>truth, and shall <sup>o</sup>assure our hearts before Him.

20 For <sup>o</sup>if our heart <sup>o</sup>condemn us, <sup>1</sup>God is greater than our heart, and <sup>1</sup>knoweth <sup>o</sup>all things.

21 <sup>2</sup>Beloved, <sup>20</sup>if our heart <sup>20</sup>condemn us <sup>10-</sup>not, *then* have we <sup>o</sup>confidence <sup>o</sup>toward <sup>1</sup>God;

22 And whatsoever we <sup>o</sup>ask, we receive <sup>o</sup>of Him, because we <sup>o</sup>keep His commandments, and do those things that are <sup>o</sup>pleasing in His sight.

O 23 And this is His commandment, <sup>1</sup>That we

<sup>6</sup> abideth. Gr. *menō*. See p. 1511.

sinneth. Ap. 128. I. i.

seen. Ap. 133. I. 8.

neither. Gr. *oude*.

<sup>7</sup> Little children. Ap. 108. ii.

no man=no one. Gr. *mēdeis*.

deceive. See 2. 26 (seduce).

doeth. See 2. 29.

righteousness. Ap. 191. 3.

righteous. Ap. 191. 1. Cp. 2. 29.

<sup>8</sup> of. Ap. 104. vii.

from the beginning. See 1. 1 and John 8. 44.

For, &c.=For (Ap. 104. vi) this.

Son of God. Ap. 98. XV.

destroy. Gr. *luō*. Cp. John 2. 19.

<sup>9</sup> born=begotten.

remaineth. The same as "abideth", v. 6.

cannot=is not (Ap. 105. I) able to.

### 3. 10-15 (D<sup>2</sup>, p. 1873). OUTWARD MANIFESTATION. (*Introversion and Alternation*.)

D<sup>2</sup> | G | m | 10, 11. Character of the two classes.

n | 12. The origin of Cain.

H | 13. The world's choice.

G | m | 14. Test of the two states.

n | 15. Cain's followers.

<sup>10</sup> children. Ap. 108. i. See vv. 1, 2.

manifest. Ap. 106. I. viii.

not. Ap. 105. II.

neither=and.

loveth. Ap. 135. I. 1.

<sup>11</sup> message. Gr. *angelia*. Only here and 1. 5.

<sup>12</sup> that=the.

wicked. Ap. 128. III. 1. See John 8. 44.

slew. Gr. *sphazō*. Only here and Rev. 5. 6, 9, 12; 6. 4, 9; 13. 3, 8; 18. 24.

wherefore=for the sake (Gr. *charin*) of what. The acc. case of *charis* (Ap. 184. I. 1) is used as a preposition.

own. Omit.

evil. Same as "wicked", above.

<sup>13</sup> if. Ap. 118. 2. a.

<sup>14</sup> passed. Gr. *metabainō*. Cp. John 5. 24 (same word).

from. Ap. 104. vii.

unto. Ap. 104. vi.

life. Ap. 170. 1.

his brother. The texts omit.

<sup>15</sup> murderer. Gr. *anthrōpoktonos*, manslayer. Only here and John 8. 44.

no=not (v. 1) any.

eternal. Ap. 151. II. B. i.

<sup>16</sup> Hereby=In (Ap. 104. viii) this.

perceive we=we know, as in v. 1.

life. Ap. 110. III. 1. See John 10. 15.

for. Ap. 104. xvii. 1.

### 3. -16-24 (C, p. 1873). EFFECT UPON US.

(*Alternation*.)

C | o | -16-18. Love manifested to the brethren.

p | 19-22. Proof of our state before God.

o | 23. Commandment of God.

p | 24. Proof of His abiding in us.

<sup>17</sup> whoso=whoever.

good=goods, or living. Ap. 170. 2. Cp. Luke 15. 12, 30.

seeth. Ap. 133. I. 11.

bowels. Gr. *splanchna*. See Philem. 7, 12, 20.

from. Ap. 104. iv.

dwelleth. Same as "abide", v. 6.

<sup>18</sup> in, in. No prep. Dat. case.

word. Ap. 121. 10.

neither. Gr. *mēde*.

in. Gr. *en*, with texts.

<sup>20</sup> if. Ap. 118. 1. b. condemn. Gr. *kataginōskō*.

<sup>21</sup> confidence. See 2. 28.

of. Ap. 104. xii. 1, but the texts read *apo* (Ap. 104. iv).

pleasing. Gr. *arestos*. See Acts 6. 2 (reason).

truth. See 1. 6. <sup>19</sup> assure. Ap. 150. I. 2.

See Gal. 2. 11 (blamed). all things. Cp. Peter's answer, John 21. 17.

toward. Ap. 104. xv. 3. <sup>22</sup> ask. Ap. 134. I. 4.

keep. See Matt. 19. 17. pleasing. Gr. *arestos*. See Acts 6. 2 (reason).

should °believe on the name of His °Son °Jesus Christ, and °love one another, as He gave us commandment.

**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.

**BCJ** 4 °Beloved, °believe °not every °spirit, but °try the °spirits, °whether they are °of °God: because many °false prophets are gone out °into the °world.

**K** 2 °Hereby °know ye the °Spirit of °God: every °spirit that confesseth °that °Jesus Christ °is come °in °the flesh is °of °God:

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

**J** 4 °We 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.

**K** 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.

**D q** 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.

**r** 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.

**s** 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.

**t** 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.

**u** 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.

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

only begotten. See John 1. 14. Cp. Ap. 170. 1. through. Ap. 104. v. 1. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1. 11 if. Ap. 118. 2. a. *oudeis*. seen = beheld. Ap. 133. I. 12. perfected = made perfect. Ap. 125. 2. witness. Gr. *martureō*. See p. 1511. Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

23 believe. Ap. 150. I. 1. ii.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

24 by. Ap. 104. vii.

Spirit = spirit, i. e. the new nature, not the Giver Himself. Ap. 101. II. 5.

hath given = gave.

4. 1-6 (C, p. 1870). ANTICHRIST. (*Alternation.*)

C | J | 1. Discrimination of spirits.

K | 2, 3. Test of spirits.

J | 4, 5. Discrimination of professors.

K | 6. Test of professors.

4. 1 Beloved. Ap. 135. III.

believe. Ap. 150. I. 1. ii.

not. Ap. 105. II.

spirit. Ap. 101. II. 11.

try = test, prove. By the Word of God. Gr. *dokimazō*. See Rom. 1. 28 and 12. 2.

whether = if. Ap. 118. 2. a.

of. Ap. 104. vii.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

false prophets. Gr. *pseudoprophētēs*. First occ. Matt. 7. 15.

into. Ap. 104. vi.

world. Ap. 129. 1.

2 Hereby. See 3. 16.

know. Ap. 132. I. ii.

Spirit. Ap. 101. II. 3.

spirit. Ap. 101. II. 11.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

is come = to have come.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

the. Omit.

3 spirit. Ap. 101. II. 12.

that Jesus . . . flesh. The texts read "Jesus".

not. Ap. 105. I.

that = the.

antichrist = the Antichrist. See 2. 18.

should come = cometh.

4 little children. Ap. 108. ii.

5 therefore = on account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this.

speak. Ap. 121. 7.

6 Hereby = From (Ap. 104. vii) this.

spirit. Ap. 101. II. 11.

of truth. Gen. of character, or relation. Ap. 17. 1, or 5.

truth. See 1. 6.

spirit. Ap. 101. II. 12.

of error. Gen. of character, as above.

4. 7-21 (D, p. 1870). LOVE. (*Introversion.*)

D | q | 7, 8. Call to love of the brethren.

r | 9. Proof of God's love to us.

s | 10. God's love first.

t | 11, 12. Love perfected.

u | 13, 14. Hereby (*en touto*) . . . because.

v | 15. God's indwelling.

w | 16. Dwelling in God.

u | 17. Herein (*en touto*) . . . because.

t | 18. Perfected in love.

s | 19. God's love first.

r | 20. Proof of our love to God.

q | 21. Command to love the brethren.

7 love. Ap. 135. I. 1.

love. Ap. 135. II. 1.

born = begotten.

9 manifested. Ap. 106. I. v.

toward = in. Ap. 104. viii. The sphere in which the manifestation takes place.

sent = bath sent. Ap. 174. 1. See note on John 17. 3. that = in order that. Gr. *hina*. live.

10 Herein = In (Ap. 104. viii) this. propitia-

tion. Gr. *hilasmos*. Only here and 2. 2. Cp. Rom. 3. 25. for = concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1. sins.

ought also = also ought. 12 No man = No one. Gr.

*oudeis*. If. Ap. 118. 1. b. dwelleth. Gr. *menō*. See p. 1511.

13 Spirit. I. e. the gifts. Ap. 101. II. 4. 14 testify = bear

15 confess, &c. See Matt. 16. 16.

v 16 And we have <sup>2</sup>known and <sup>o</sup>believed the <sup>7</sup>love that <sup>1</sup>God hath <sup>o</sup>to us. <sup>1</sup>God is <sup>7</sup>love; and he that <sup>12</sup>dwelleth <sup>2</sup>in <sup>7</sup>love <sup>12</sup>dwelleth <sup>2</sup>in <sup>1</sup>God, and <sup>1</sup>God <sup>2</sup>in him.

u 17 <sup>10</sup>Herein is <sup>o</sup>our <sup>7</sup>love <sup>o</sup>made perfect, <sup>9</sup>that we may have <sup>o</sup>boldness <sup>2</sup>in the day of <sup>o</sup>judgment: because <sup>o</sup>as <sup>5c</sup>is, so are we <sup>2</sup>in this <sup>1</sup>world.

t 18 There is <sup>o</sup>no fear <sup>2</sup>in <sup>7</sup>love; but <sup>o</sup>perfect <sup>7</sup>love casteth out fear: because fear hath <sup>o</sup>torment. He that feareth is <sup>-3</sup>not <sup>17</sup>made perfect <sup>2</sup>in <sup>7</sup>love.

s 19 <sup>Be</sup> <sup>7</sup>love <sup>o</sup>Him, because <sup>5c</sup> first <sup>7</sup>loved us.

r 20 <sup>12</sup>If <sup>o</sup>a man say, "I <sup>7</sup>love <sup>1</sup>God," and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that <sup>7</sup>loveth <sup>1</sup>not his brother whom he hath <sup>o</sup>seen, how can he <sup>7</sup>love <sup>1</sup>God Whom he hath <sup>-3</sup>not <sup>o</sup>seen?

q 21 And this commandment have we <sup>o</sup>from Him, <sup>9</sup>that he who <sup>7</sup>loveth <sup>1</sup>God <sup>7</sup>love his brother also.

A L 5 <sup>o</sup>Whosoever <sup>o</sup>believeth that <sup>o</sup>Jesus is the <sup>o</sup>Christ is <sup>o</sup>born <sup>o</sup>of <sup>o</sup>God: and every one that <sup>o</sup>loveth Him That <sup>o</sup>begat <sup>o</sup>loveth him also that is <sup>o</sup>begotten <sup>o</sup>of Him.

2 <sup>o</sup>By this we <sup>o</sup>know that we <sup>1</sup>love the <sup>o</sup>children of <sup>1</sup>God, when we <sup>1</sup>love <sup>1</sup>God, and <sup>o</sup>keep His commandments.

3 For this is the <sup>o</sup>love of <sup>1</sup>God, <sup>o</sup>that we <sup>o</sup>keep His commandments: and His commandments are <sup>o</sup>not <sup>o</sup>grievous.

4 <sup>o</sup>For whatsoever is <sup>1</sup>born <sup>1</sup>of <sup>1</sup>God overcometh the <sup>o</sup>world: and this is the victory that overcometh the <sup>o</sup>world, *even* our <sup>o</sup>faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the <sup>4</sup>world, <sup>o</sup>but he that <sup>1</sup>believeth that <sup>1</sup>Jesus is the <sup>o</sup>Son of <sup>1</sup>God?

M 6 This is He That came <sup>o</sup>by <sup>o</sup>water and blood, *even* <sup>o</sup>Jesus Christ; <sup>3</sup>not <sup>2</sup>by <sup>o</sup>water only, but <sup>2</sup>by <sup>o</sup>water and <sup>o</sup>blood. And it is the <sup>o</sup>Spirit That <sup>o</sup>beareth witness, because the <sup>o</sup>Spirit is <sup>o</sup>truth.

7 For there are three that <sup>o</sup>bear record <sup>o</sup>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 <sup>6</sup>Spirit, and the <sup>6</sup>water, and the blood: and these three agree <sup>o</sup>in one.

9 <sup>o</sup>If we receive the <sup>o</sup>witness of <sup>o</sup>men, the <sup>o</sup>witness of <sup>1</sup>God is greater: for this is the <sup>o</sup>witness of <sup>1</sup>God which He hath <sup>o</sup>testified <sup>o</sup>of His <sup>5</sup>Son.

10 He that <sup>o</sup>believeth on the <sup>5</sup>Son of <sup>1</sup>God hath the <sup>9</sup>witness <sup>o</sup>in himself: he that <sup>o</sup>believeth <sup>o</sup>not <sup>1</sup>God hath made Him a <sup>o</sup>liar; because he <sup>o</sup>believeth <sup>3</sup>not the <sup>o</sup>record that <sup>1</sup>God <sup>o</sup>gave <sup>9</sup>of His <sup>5</sup>Son.

11 And this is the <sup>10</sup>record, that <sup>1</sup>God <sup>o</sup>hath given to us <sup>o</sup>eternal <sup>o</sup>life, and this <sup>o</sup>life is <sup>10</sup>in His <sup>5</sup>Son.

12 He that hath the <sup>5</sup>Son hath <sup>o</sup>life; *and* he that hath <sup>10</sup>not the <sup>5</sup>Son of <sup>1</sup>God hath <sup>3</sup>not <sup>o</sup>life.

L 13 These things <sup>o</sup>have I written <sup>o</sup>unto you <sup>o</sup>that believe on the name of the Son of

16 believed=have believed. Ap. 150. I. 1. iii. to=in. Ap. 104. viii. Cp. v. 9.

17 our love=love with (Ap. 104. xi. 1) us. made perfect. Ap. 125. 2.

boldness. Gr. *parrhēsia*. See 2. 28.

judgment. Ap. 177. 7.

as <sup>5c</sup> is. See 2. 6.

18 no=not, v. -3. perfect. Ap. 125. 1.

torment=punishment. Gr. *kolasis*. See Matt. 25. 46.

19 Him. The texts omit.

20 a man=any one. Ap. 123. 3.

seen. Ap. 133. I. 8.

21 from. Ap. 104. iv. Cp. 3. 11, 23. John 13. 34; 15. 12.

5. 1-21 (A, p. 1870). CHRIST. (*Alternation*.)

A | L | 1-5. Belief in Christ.

M | 6-12. Witnesses to us that He has come.

L | 13-19. Belief in Christ.

M | 20, 21. Witnesses in us that He has come.

5. 1 Whosoever=Every one who.

believeth. Ap. 150. I. 1. iii.

Jesus. Ap. 98. X.

Christ. Ap. 98. IX.

born=begotten.

of. Ap. 104. vii.

God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.

loveth. Ap. 135. I. 1.

begat, begotten. Same word as "born", above.

2 By=In. Ap. 104. viii.

know. Ap. 132. I. ii.

children. Ap. 108. i.

keep. The texts read "do".

3 love. Ap. 135. II. 1.

that. Gr. *hina*. Keeping His commandments is a result of His love being shed abroad in our hearts (Rom. 5. 5). Cp. Ps. 119. 97, 119, 163, &c.

keep. See Matt. 19. 17.

not. Ap. 105. I.

grievous=burdensome. Gr. *barus*. See Acts 20. 29.

4 For=Because.

world. Ap. 129. 1.

faith. Ap. 150. II. 1.

5 but=except. Gr. *ei mē*.

Son of God. Ap. 98. XV.

6 by. Ap. 104. v. 1.

water. Referring to His baptism, when witness was given to Him by the voice from heaven and the descent of the Spirit.

Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.

blood. The texts read "in (Gr. *en*) the blood".

Spirit. Ap. 101. II. 3.

beareth witness. See 1. 2.

truth. See 1. 6.

7 bear record=bear witness, as in v. 6.

in heaven, &c. The texts read, "the Spirit, and the water", &c., omitting all the words from "in heaven" to "in earth" (v. 8) inclusive. The words are not found in any Gr. MS. before the sixteenth century. They were first seen in the margin of some Latin copies. Thence they have crept into the text.

8 in. Ap. 104. vi.

9 If. Ap. 118. 2. a.

witness. Gr. *marturia*. See p. 1511.

men. Ap. 123. 1.

testified. Same as "bear witness", v. 6.

of=concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

10 believeth on. Ap. 150. I. 1. v. (i).

in. Ap. 104. viii.

believeth. Ap. 150. I. 1. ii.

not. Ap. 105. II.

liar. Cp. 1. 10.

believeth=believeth on, as above.

record. Same as "witness", v. 9.

gave. Lit. hath witnessed.

11 hath given=gave. See Rom. 6. 23.

eternal. Ap. 151. II. B. i.

life. Ap. 170. 1.

12 life=the life (v. 11).

13 have I written=I wrote.

unto=to.

that believe, &c. This clause is omitted by all the texts and by the Syriac.

God; <sup>3</sup> that ye may <sup>o</sup> know that ye have <sup>11</sup> eternal <sup>11</sup> life, <sup>o</sup> and that ye may <sup>10-</sup> believe on the name of the <sup>5</sup> Son of <sup>1</sup> God.

14 And this is the <sup>o</sup> confidence that we have <sup>o</sup> in Him, that <sup>o</sup> if we <sup>o</sup> ask any thing <sup>o</sup> according to His <sup>o</sup> will, He heareth us:

15 And <sup>o</sup> if we <sup>13</sup> know that He hear us whatsoever we <sup>14</sup> ask, we <sup>13</sup> know that we have the <sup>o</sup> petitions that we <sup>o</sup> desired <sup>o</sup> of Him.

16 <sup>14</sup> If <sup>o</sup> any man <sup>o</sup> see his brother <sup>o</sup> sin a <sup>o</sup> sin which is <sup>10</sup> not <sup>o</sup> unto death, he shall <sup>14</sup> ask, and He shall give him <sup>11</sup> life for them that <sup>o</sup> sin <sup>10</sup> not <sup>o</sup> unto death. There is <sup>o</sup> a <sup>o</sup> sin <sup>o</sup> unto death: I do <sup>3</sup> not say <sup>3</sup> that he shall <sup>o</sup> pray <sup>o</sup> for <sup>o</sup> it.

17 All <sup>o</sup> unrighteousness is <sup>16</sup> sin: and there is <sup>16</sup> a <sup>16</sup> sin <sup>3</sup> not <sup>16</sup> unto death.

18 We <sup>13</sup> know that <sup>1</sup> whosoever is <sup>1</sup> born <sup>1</sup> of <sup>1</sup> God <sup>o</sup> sinneth <sup>3</sup> not; but <sup>o</sup> He that is <sup>1</sup> begotten <sup>1</sup> of <sup>1</sup> God <sup>3</sup> keepeth <sup>o</sup> himself, and that <sup>o</sup> wicked one <sup>o</sup> toucheth him <sup>3</sup> not.

19 And we <sup>13</sup> know that we are <sup>1</sup> of <sup>1</sup> God, and the whole <sup>4</sup> world lieth <sup>10</sup> in <sup>o</sup> wickedness.

M 20 And we <sup>13</sup> know that the <sup>5</sup> Son of <sup>1</sup> God <sup>o</sup> is come, and hath given us an <sup>o</sup> understanding, <sup>3</sup> that we may <sup>2</sup> know Him That is <sup>o</sup> true, and we are <sup>10</sup> in Him That is <sup>o</sup> true, even <sup>10</sup> in His <sup>5</sup> Son <sup>6</sup> Jesus Christ. <sup>o</sup> This is the <sup>o</sup> true <sup>1</sup> God, and <sup>11</sup> eternal <sup>11</sup> life.

21 <sup>o</sup> Little children, <sup>o</sup> keep yourselves <sup>o</sup> from <sup>o</sup> idols. <sup>o</sup> Amen.

know. Ap. 132. I. i.

and . . . may. The texts read "even unto you that".

14 confidence. See 2. 28.

in=toward. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

if. Ap. 118. 1. b.

ask. Ap. 134. I. 4.

according to. Ap. 104. x. 2.

will. Ap. 102. 2.

15 if. Ap. 118. 1. a.

petitions. Ap. 134. II. 5. Cp. Matt. 7. 7. John

14. 13; 15. 7.

desired=have desired. Same as "ask", v. 14.

of. Ap. 104. xii. 1.

16 any man=any one. Ap. 123. 3.

see. Ap. 133. I. 1.

sin=sinning. Ap. 128. I. i.

sin. Ap. 128. I. ii. 1.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

a. Omit.

pray. Ap. 134. I. 3.

for=concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

o=that. The sin unto death was one that might result in the brother being cut off. Cp. 1 Cor. 11. 30, where many had sinned unto death—"many sleep". See also Jas. 5. 14, 16, where there is the same recognition of sickness being due to some special sins, as in 1 Cor. 11. 30, and of intercessory prayer as here. It is not a single act, but a continued habit.

17 unrighteousness. Ap. 128. VII. 1. Cp. 3. 4.

18 sinneth not. I. e. does not practise, or continue in, sin. Cp. 3. 6, 9. Rom. 6. 1-12. Ap. 128. I. i.

He that, &c. This refers to the Lord. As the Jehovah of the O.T. He was the keeper of Israel (Ps. 121. 4, 6, &c.). See also John 17. 12. 2 Thess. 3. 3. Rev. 3. 10.

himself. Most texts read "him".

toucheth. Gr. *haptomai*. In John's writings only

wicked one. Ap. 128. III. 1. Cp. 2. 13, 14; 3. 12. here and in John 20. 17. Thirty-one times in the three other Gospels, generally in connexion with the Lord's miracles. Elsewhere, 1 Cor. 7. 1. 2 Cor. 6. 17. Col. 2. 21. 19 wickedness=the wicked one, as v. 18. He is the prince of this world (John 14. 30, &c.), and the god of this age (2 Cor. 4. 4). 20 is come. Not the word used in 4. 2, 3; 5. 6 (*erchomai*), but *hēkō*, to be present. Cp. John 8. 42. Heb. 10. 7, 9, 37. In the last ref. the two verbs are seen: "shall come" (*erchomai*); "will come" (*hēkō*). understanding. Gr. *dianoia*. Transl. nine times "mind", once "imagination" (Luke 1. 51), and "understanding" here, Eph. 1. 18; 4. 18. true. Ap. 175. 2. This refers to the Father. Cp. 2. 5, 24; 3. 24; 4. 12-16. This, &c. Also referring to the Father, the source of life (John 5. 26), which life was manifested in His Son (1. 2), and is given to us through, and in, Him (v. 11, 12 above, and Rom. 6. 23). 21 Little children. Ap. 108. ii. keep=guard, as Jude 24. from. Ap. 104. iv. idols. As in 1 Cor. 8. 4. An idol may not be a material one, but may consist in whatever a man looks to for help, apart from the Living God. See Eph. 5. 5. Col. 3. 5. Amen. The texts omit.

## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN.

### THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion.)

A | 1-3. ELECT LADY AND CHILDREN: BENEDICTION.

B | 4-6. CHILDREN WALKING ACCORDING TO THE FATHER'S COMMANDMENT.

C | 7-8. WARNING AGAINST DECEIVERS.

B | 9-11. TRANSGRESSORS REJECTING CHRIST'S TEACHING.

A | 12, 13. JOY FULFILLED: CHILDREN OF ELECT SISTER. SALUTATION.



## THE SECOND AND THIRD EPISTLES OF JOHN.

### NOTES.

The likeness of these two epistles indicates that both were by one writer, and in each case the internal evidence supports the traditional belief that both were written by the apostle John. Several of the early "fathers" quote the Second Epistle, certain passages of which so closely resemble parts of the First Epistle as to confirm the view of its being by the same writer.

The Second Epistle is addressed "unto the elect lady and her children", and some have understood a certain church and its members. Alford, however, gives good grounds for believing that an individual is meant. The Third Epistle is to "Gaius the beloved", a notable believer. The name was a common one, and the bearer may not be of those mentioned in *Acts*, &c.

The probability is that both epistles were written from Ephesus and about the same time, but nothing is known definitely as to either place or time of writing.

The reader will readily see the Structure of these two short epistles. Each takes the form of an *Introversion*, the intermediate members marking exhortation and warning. The Third Epistle contains a personal element, commendation of Gaius and Demetrius, and condemnation of Diotrephes.

## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN.

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|---|---|--|
| A | <p>1 THE °elder °unto the °elect °lady and her °children, whom ∫ °love °in °the °truth; and °not ∫ only, but °also all they that have °known the °truth;</p> <p>2 °For the 1 truth's sake, which °dwelleth 1 in us, and shall be °with us °for ever.</p> <p>3 °Grace °be 2 with you, °mercy, and peace, °from °God the °Father, and °from the °Lord °Jesus Christ, the °Son of the °Father, 1 in 1 truth and °love.</p>   | <p>1 elder. Ap. 189. Here not an official title, but referring to the apostle's age. Cp. Philem. 9. unto=to.</p> <p>elect. Cp. 1 Pet. 1. 2. But perhaps used in the sense of "excellent".</p> <p>lady. Gr. <i>kuria</i>, fem. of <i>kurios</i>. In all probability a proper name, "Kyria".</p> <p>children. Ap. 108. i.</p> <p>love. Ap. 135. I. 1.</p> <p>in. Ap. 104. viii.</p> <p>the. Omit.</p> <p>truth. See p. 1511. The element or sphere in which the love was seen. Cp. Eph. 4. 15.</p> <p>not. Ap. 105. I.</p> <p>also, &amp;c.=all they also.</p> <p>known. Ap. 132. I. ii.</p>   |
| B | <p>4 I °rejoiced °greatly that I found °of thy 1 children walking 1 in 1 truth, as we °have received a commandment 3 from the 3 Father.</p> <p>5 And now I °beseech thee, 1 lady, 1 not as though I wrote a °new commandment 1 unto thee, but that which we had °from the beginning, °that we 1 love one another.</p> <p>6 And this is 3 love, 5 that we walk °after His commandments. This is the commandment, 5 that, as ye °have heard 5 from the beginning, ye should walk 1 in it.</p> | <p>2 For, &amp;c.=On account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) the truth.</p> <p>dwelleth=abideth. Gr. <i>menō</i>. See p. 1511.</p> <p>with. Ap. 104. xi. 1.</p> <p>for ever. Ap. 151. II. A. ii. 4. a.</p> <p>3 Grace. Only here, and three times in the Gospel, and twice in Rev., in John's writings. Ap. 184. I. 1. Cp. 1 Tim. 1. 2.</p> <p>be=shall be.</p> <p>mercy. Only here in John.</p> <p>from. Ap. 104. xii. 1.</p> <p>God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1.</p> <p>Father. Ap. 98. III.</p> <p>Lord. The texts omit.</p> <p>Jesus Christ. Ap. 98. XI.</p> <p>Son. Ap. 108. iii. The expression "The Son of the Father", is found here only. Cp. John 1. 18. 1 John 1. 3.</p> <p>love. Ap. 135. II. 1.</p>   |
| C | <p>7 For many °deceivers are entered °into the °world, who confess °not °that 3 Jesus Christ is come 1 in the flesh. This is °a °deceiver and °an °antichrist.</p> <p>8 °Look to yourselves, 5 that °we °lose 7 not those things which we °have wrought, but that °we receive a full °reward.</p>   | <p>4 rejoiced. Cp. 3 John 3. Several of Paul's epistles open with thanksgiving.</p> <p>greatly. Gr. <i>lian</i>. Only here and 3 John 3 in John's writings.</p>  |
| B | <p>9 Whosoever °transgresseth and °abideth 7 not 1 in the doctrine of °Christ, hath 1 not 3 God. He that °abideth 1 in the doctrine °of Christ, 5e hath both the 3 Father and the 3 Son.</p>  | <p>5 beseech=ask. Ap. 134. I. 3.</p> <p>new. Gr. <i>kainos</i>. See Matt. 9. 17. from the beginning. Gr. <i>ap' archēs</i>. See 1 John 1. 1.</p> <p>that=in order that. Gr. <i>hina</i>. 6 after. Ap. 104. x. 2.</p> <p>have. Omit. In this verse is the Fig. <i>Antimetabolē</i>, "walk . . . commandments—commandment . . . walk".</p> <p>7 deceivers. Gr. <i>planos</i>. See 2 Cor. 6. 8. Cp. 1 John 4. 1.</p> <p>into. Ap. 104. vi.</p> <p>world. Ap. 129. 1.</p> <p>not. Ap. 105. II.</p> <p>that, &amp;c. Lit. Jesus Christ coming in the flesh. The present participle is used, as in Rev. 1. 4. In 1 John 4. 2, 3, the perfect is used, referring to His first coming. This refers to His second coming. Cp. Acts 1. 11.</p> <p>a, an=the. antichrist. See 1 John 2. 18.</p> <p>8 Look to. Ap. 133. I. 5.</p> <p>we. The texts read "ye" in both occ.</p> <p>lose. Gr. <i>apollumi</i>. See John 17. 12.</p> <p>have wrought. I. e. the truth and love resulting from John's teaching.</p> <p>reward. Gr. <i>misthos</i>. In John's writings only here, John 4. 36 (wages), and Rev. 11. 18; 22. 12.</p> <p>9 transgresseth. Ap. 128. VI. 1. The texts read "goeth before", Gr. <i>proagō</i>. See 1 Tim. 1. 18; 5. 24. Heb. 7. 18. This refers to false teachers who claimed to bring some higher teaching, beyond the apostle's doctrine. Cp. 1 Tim. 6. 3. 2 Tim. 1. 13; 3. 14.</p> <p>abideth. See "dwelleth", v. 2.</p> <p>Christ. Ap. 98. IX.</p> <p>of Christ. The texts omit.</p> |

of. Ap. 104. vii. Not implying that there were others who did not so walk, but referring to such as he had met. have. Omit. 5 beseech=ask. Ap. 134. I. 3. new. Gr. *kainos*. See Matt. 9. 17. from the beginning. Gr. *ap' archēs*. See 1 John 1. 1. that=in order that. Gr. *hina*. 6 after. Ap. 104. x. 2. have. Omit. In this verse is the Fig. *Antimetabolē*, "walk . . . commandments—commandment . . . walk". 7 deceivers. Gr. *planos*. See 2 Cor. 6. 8. Cp. 1 John 4. 1. into. Ap. 104. vi. world. Ap. 129. 1. not. Ap. 105. II. that, &c. Lit. Jesus Christ coming in the flesh. The present participle is used, as in Rev. 1. 4. In 1 John 4. 2, 3, the perfect is used, referring to His first coming. This refers to His second coming. Cp. Acts 1. 11. a, an=the. antichrist. See 1 John 2. 18. 8 Look to. Ap. 133. I. 5. we. The texts read "ye" in both occ. lose. Gr. *apollumi*. See John 17. 12. have wrought. I. e. the truth and love resulting from John's teaching. reward. Gr. *misthos*. In John's writings only here, John 4. 36 (wages), and Rev. 11. 18; 22. 12. 9 transgresseth. Ap. 128. VI. 1. The texts read "goeth before", Gr. *proagō*. See 1 Tim. 1. 18; 5. 24. Heb. 7. 18. This refers to false teachers who claimed to bring some higher teaching, beyond the apostle's doctrine. Cp. 1 Tim. 6. 3. 2 Tim. 1. 13; 3. 14. abideth. See "dwelleth", v. 2. Christ. Ap. 98. IX. of Christ. The texts omit.

10 ° If ° there come ° any ° unto you, and bring  
1 not this doctrine, receive him 7 not 7 into your  
house, ° neither ° bid him God speed:

11 For he that 10 biddeth him God speed ° is  
partaker of his ° evil deeds.

A 12 Having many things to write 1 unto you,  
I ° would 1 not write ° with ° paper and ° ink: but  
I ° trust to come 10 unto you, and ° speak ° face to  
face, ° that ° our ° joy may be ° full.

13 The 1 children of thy 1 elect sister ° greet  
thee. ° Amen.

10 If. Ap. 118. 2. a.

there . . . any = any one (Ap. 123. 3) cometh.

unto. Ap. 104. xv. 3.

neither, &c. = and . . . not (Ap. 105. II).

bid . . . God speed. Lit., say, Hail! (Gr. *chairein*, to  
rejoice. See Matt. 26. 49).

11 is partaker = partaketh. Gr. *koinōneō*. See Rom.  
15. 27. 1 Tim. 5. 22.

evil. Ap. 128. III. 1.

12 would. Ap. 102. 3.

with = by means of. Ap. 104. v. 1.

paper. Gr. *chartēs*. Only here.

ink. See 2 Cor. 3. 3.

trust = hope.

face, &c. Lit. mouth to (Ap. 104. xv. 3) mouth. our. The texts read "your".  
joy. See 1 John 1. 4. full. See 1 John 1. 4. 13 greet = salute. Amen. The texts omit.

## THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN.

### THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion.)

A | 1, 2. SALUTATION.

B | 3, 4. WITNESS AS TO WALK IN THE TRUTH.

C | 5-8. COMMENDATION: LOVE TO STRANGERS.

D | 9, 10. MALICE OF DIOTREPHESES.

C | 11. EXHORTATION: FOLLOW GOOD.

B | 12. WITNESS AS TO WALK IN THE TRUTH.

A | 13, 14. SALUTATION.

A 1 ° THE elder ° unto the ° wellbeloved ° Gaius,  
whom 3 ° love ° in ° the ° truth.

2 1 Beloved, I ° wish ° above all things that thou  
mayest ° prosper and ° be in health, even as thy  
° soul ° prospereth.

B 3 For I ° rejoiced greatly, when ° the brethren  
came and ° testified ° of the 1 truth that is in thee,  
even as they walkest 1 in 1 the 1 truth.

4 I have ° no greater ° joy, ° than to hear that  
° my ° children ° walk 1 in ° truth.

C 5 1 Beloved, thou doest ° faithfully whatso-  
ever thou ° doest ° to the brethren, and ° to  
strangers;

6 Which ° have borne witness of thy ° charity  
° before the ° church: whom ° if thou bring for-  
ward on their journey ° after a godly sort, thou  
shalt do well:

7 ° Because that ° for ° His name's sake they  
went forth, ° taking ° nothing ° of the ° Gentiles.

8 We therefore ought to receive such, ° that we  
° might ° be ° fellowhelpers to the 1 truth.

D 9 I ° wrote 1 unto the ° church: but ° Diotrophes,  
° who loveth to have the preeminence ° among  
them, ° receiveth us 4 not.

1 The elder. See 2 John 1.

unto = to.

wellbeloved. Ap. 135. III. Same as "beloved",  
v. 2, &c.

Gaius. It is impossible to say whether this was the  
same as any one of the others of the same name men-  
tioned Acts 19. 29; 20. 4. Rom. 16. 23. 1 Cor. 1. 14.

love. Ap. 135. I. 1.

in. Ap. 104. viii.

the. Omit.

truth. See p. 1511.

2 wish = pray. Ap. 134. I. 1.

above = concerning. Ap. 104. xiii. 1.

prosper. Gr. *euodoumai*. See Rom. 1. 10.

be in health. Gr. *hugaiainō*. See Luke 5. 31.

soul. Ap. 110. V. 1. As Gaius had a sound mind,  
John desires for him a sound body also.

3 rejoiced greatly. See 2 John 4.

the. Omit.

testified. Gr. *martureō*. See p. 1511.

the truth, &c. Lit. thy truth.

4 no = not. Ap. 105. I.

joy. See 1 John 1. 4.

than, &c. Lit. than these things, that (Gr. *hina*) I may  
hear of.

my = mine own.

children. Ap. 108. i.

walk = walking.

truth = the truth.

5 faithfully = as a faithful (deed). Ap. 150. III.

doest = werkest. to. Ap. 104. vi. to. The texts read "that to". The brethren referred to were  
strangers. Cp. Heb. 13. 2. 6 have borne witness = bare witness. Same as "testify", v. 3. charity =  
love. Ap. 135. II. 1. before = in the sight of. church. Ap. 186. if . . . journey. Lit. having  
sent forward. Gr. *propempō*. See Acts 15. 3. Cp. Ap. 174. 4. after a godly sort = worthily of God (Ap.  
98. I. i. 1). 7 Because that = For. for, &c. = on behalf of (Ap. 104. xvii. 1) His name. His. The  
texts read "the". taking = receiving. nothing. Gr. *mēdeis*. of. Ap. 104. iv. Gentiles. Gr.  
*ethnos*. 8 that = in order that. Gr. *hina*. might = may. be = become. fellowhelpers. Gr.  
*sunergos*. See 1 Cor. 3. 9. 9 wrote = wrote something, as the texts. Diotrophes. Nothing is known  
of him. who loveth, &c. Gr. *philoprōteuō*, love to be first. among = of. receiveth.  
Gr. *epidechomai*. Only here and v. 10.

10 °Wherefore, °if I come, I will °remember his deeds which he doeth, °prating against us with °malicious °words: and °not content °therewith, °neither doth he himself °receive the brethren, and °forbiddeth °them that would, and °casteth *them* °out of the °church.

C 11 <sup>1</sup>Beloved, °follow <sup>10</sup>not that which is °evil, but that which is good. He that °doeth good is °of °God: but he that °doeth evil hath °not °seen °God.

B 12 Demetrius °hath good report °of all *men*, and °of the <sup>1</sup>truth itself: yea, and we *also* °bear record; and °ye know that our °record is °true.

A 13 I had many things to write, but I °will °not with °ink and °pen write <sup>1</sup>unto thee:

14 But I °trust °I shall °shortly see thee, and we shall °speak °face to face. Peace *be* to thee. Our friends °salute thee. °Greet the friends °by name.

10 Wherefore = On account of (Ap. 104. v. 2) this. if. Ap. 118. 1. b. remember. See John 14. 26. prating. Gr. *phluareō*. Only here. Cp. 1 Tim. 5. 13. malicious. Ap. 128. III. 1.

words. Ap. 121. 10. not. Ap. 105. II. therewith = upon (Ap. 104. ix. 2) these (things). neither. Gr. *oute*.

forbiddeth = hindereth, as Luke 11. 52. them that would. Lit. the willing (ones). Ap. 102. 3. casteth. Gr. *ekballō*. Cp. John 9. 34.

out of. Ap. 104. vii.

11 follow. See 2 Thess. 3. 7.

evil. Ap. 128. III. 2.

doeth good. Gr. *agathopoieō*. See Acts 14. 17.

of. Ap. 104. vii. God. Ap. 98. I. i. 1

doeth evil. Gr. *kakopoieō*. See Mark 3. 4.

seen. Ap. 133. I. 8.

12 hath good report = is borne witness to. See v. 6.

of = by. Ap. 104. xviii. 1.

bear record = testify, v. 3.

ye know. The texts read, "thou knowest". Ap.

132. I. i. record = testimony. See p. 1511.

true. Ap. 175. 1. 13 will. Ap. 102. 1.

with = by means of. Ap. 104. v. 1.

14 trust = hope. Elsewhere transl. "reed".

ink. See 2 Cor. 3. 3. pen. Gr. *kalamos*. I shall, &c. = to see (Ap. 133. I. 1) thee, &c. shortly. Gr. *euthēs*. Generally transl. "immediately", or "straightway". speak. Ap. 121. 7. face, &c. See 2 John 12. salute. Gr. *aspazomai*. See Acts 18. 22. Greet = Salute. Here, as in the close of so many epistles, the word *aspazomai* is transl. by two different English words in successive verses or even in the same verse. Cp. Rom. 16. 3-23. 1 Cor. 16. 19, 20. 2 Cor. 13. 12, 13. Phil. 4. 21. Col. 4. 10, 12, 14. 2 Tim. 4. 19, 21. Tit. 3. 15. 1 Pet. 5. 13, 14. by. Ap. 104. x. 2.

## THE EPISTLE OF JUDE.

### THE STRUCTURE OF THE EPISTLE AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion.)

A | 1, 2. SALUTATION.

B | 3. EXHORTATION.

C | 4. UNGODLY. DENYING.

D | 5-. REMEMBRANCE.

E | -5-16. RETRIBUTION.

D | 17. REMEMBRANCE.

C | 18, 19. UNGODLY. SEPARATING.

B | 20-23. EXHORTATION.

A | 24, 25. DOXOLOGY.

### NOTES.

1. WRITTEN by "Judas, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James". This is how he describes himself, and we know nothing more of him, save that in Matt. 13. 55 and Mark 6. 3 "Judas" is mentioned as one of the Lord's brethren (see Ap. 182). A very early tradition assigns the authorship to Jude. The James to whom he was brother was doubtless the writer of the Epistle of James, the pillar of the church at Jerusalem (see Acts 15. 13; Gal. 2. 9).

2. WRITTEN probably from Palestine to Hebrew Christians both of the "Dispersion" and those living in Palestine, if we may decide from the Jewish character of the epistle.

3. THE CONTENTS in part bear a strong resemblance to portions of 2 Peter, but of the originality of both no one need doubt. The tone is one of stern reproof in regard to certain serious evils brought in by men who had professed to receive the grace of God, and he warns of the certainty of the Divine judgment, illustrating from the Old Testament history.

4. THE DATE can be gauged only approximately, but it is thought to have been very early, perhaps A. D. 41-46. See Ap. 180.