

## Some Expressions & Key Words Used Both in John's Epistles & Gospel

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*First John and the Gospel of John were clearly written by the same person, with many identical thoughts and expressions. Noting such expressions is especially helpful in studying 1 John. The first column of this chart lists many of them in the order of their first use in 1 John. Each one is given from the King James Version in all-capital letters, then examples of its use in column two (1 John) and column four (John's Gospel). For many there are related expressions in columns three and five. Expressions marked \* are sample indications that 1 John was written to give tests of eternal life, not just exhortations to holy living.*

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1. FROM THE BEGINNING	1:1—was from the beginning (=was with the Father, v. 2) 2:13, 14—him that is from the beg. 2:7—commandment you had from the beginning 2:7, 24; 3:11—(word/message) you heard from the beginning 3:8—devil sins from the beginning		15:27—You have been with me from the beginning. 8:44—said of the devil	1:1, 2—The Word was in the beginning with God.
2. ETERNAL LIFE A main theme of 1 John, mentioned at beginning & end. (Especially see 2:25, #29, #31.)	1:2—Eternal life was with the Father and has appeared. 2:25—is his promise to us 3:15—has eternal life abiding in him 5:11—eternal life is in the Son 5:13—know you have eternal life 5:20—true God and eternal life		Used often (3:15, 16, 36; 4:14, 36; 5:24, 39; 6:27, 40, 47, 54, 68; and others). Usually seen as present, but implied to be future in 5:29.	1:4—In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
3. FATHER & SON (OR GOD & SON)	1:3; 2:22-23, 24; 4:9, 10, 14; 5:19-20; many others	4:15; 5:5, 11, 13, 20—Jesus is the Son of God.	1:18; 3:35; 5:20; many others, especially in chapters 5, 6, 8	

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*4. WALK IN THE DARK-NESS	1:6-7—Those who walk in the darkness have no fellowship (do not participate) with God; they lie and do not do the truth. 2:11—One who hates his brother is in darkness, walks in darkness, and doesn't know where he goes, because darkness has blinded him.		8:12—A follower of Jesus shall by no means walk in the darkness. 12:35-36—Walk in the light while you have it. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. Believe in the light to become sons of light.	3:17-20—The judgment on the unbeliever is that he chooses darkness over light, because his deeds are evil and he does not want to be reproved. 12:46—Jesus came as light so that no believer will stay in the darkness.
5. DO THE TRUTH	1:6—Those who walk in the darkness do not do the truth. (The truth=God's revelation, especially the gospel, in 1:8; 2:4, 21, 22; see col. 5.)	3:18-19—Loving in truth shows that we are of the truth. Cf. 2 Jn 4; 3 Jn 3-4—walk in truth	John 3:20-21—One who does the truth comes to the light, is contrasted to one who does evil (hates the light, avoids it—will rise from death to judgment, 5:29).	8:32—You shall know the truth; the truth shall make you free. 8:44—The devil did not stay in the truth—no truth in him. 18:37—Jesus came to bear witness of the truth; everyone of the truth hears him.
6. HAVE NO SIN	1:8—If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves....	3:8-9—One born of God does not or cannot sin.	9:41—if blind...would have no sin =guilt; also 15:22,24	9:34—Thou wast altogether born in sins. 19:11—has greater sin=guilt
*7. THE TRUTH IS NOT IN (US/HIM)	1:8—If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. 2:4—He that says he knows him and doesn't keep his commands is a liar and the truth is not in him.	2:27—anointing is truth 4:6—Spirit of truth Cf. 2 Jn 2—Truth abides in & will be with us forever.	8:44—The devil is a murderer and abode not in the truth, because no truth is in him, a liar. _____(from column 5) 6:13), which Spirit would be in them. 17:17, 19—Sanctify them in the truth...Thy Word is truth.	Christ is full of truth (1:14), is the source of truth (1:18), sees that his disciples know the truth (8:32), spoke the truth (8:40, 45, 46; 16:7; 18:37), is the truth (14:6), would request the Spirit of truth for believers (14:16-17; 15:26; ← (continued in column 4)

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*8. HIS WORD IS NOT IN (US/THEM)	1:10—If we say we have not sinned, his word is not in us.	2:3—Keep his commandments 2:14—The word of God abides in you.	5:38—Proof God’s word was not dwelling in them is that they did not believe the one he sent.  _____ (from column 5) 12:48—his word will judge 15:7—if my words remain in you 17:14, 17—I have given them your word=truth.	5:24—He who hears & believes has eternal life. 8:31—(to "believers") If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, shall know the truth, which will make you free. 8:37—You seek to kill me because my word finds no room in you (v. 43—can’t hear). ← (continued in column 4)
*9. KNOW HIM/GOD/ THE FATHER	2:3, 4—We know we know (have come to know, <i>egnokamen</i> ) him if we keep commandments. 2:13, 14—“Fathers” & “children” know him. 3:1—World didn’t know Christ. 3:6—Whoever sins has not seen or known him. 4:6—Whoever knows God hears us (and negative). 4:7-8—Whoever loves knows God (and negative). 5:20—know him that is true		1:10—World didn’t know him. 8:55—(to liars, not God’s children, v. 42) You do not know him but I know ( <i>oida</i> ) him. 14:7—(to disciples) If you had known me, you would have known the Father. From now you know him and have seen him. 14:17—World can’t accept the Spirit because it neither sees nor knows him, but you know him. 16:3—They will persecute you because they haven’t known the Father nor me. (continued in column 5) →	8:32—know the truth 10:14, 27—I know my sheep and they know me. 10:15—I know the Father and the Father knows me. 14:9—Don’t you know me after such a long time?  _____ (from column 4) 17:3—Eternal life is to know you, the true God. 17:25—World does not know you, but I do, and these have known that you sent me.

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10. KEEP HIS/ MY COM-MANDMENTS	2:3-4—is proof that we know him 3:22—is the reason all our prayers are answered 3:24—Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in him. 5:2—We love God’s children if we keep his commandments. 5:3—The love of God is to keep his commandments, which are not burdensome.		14:15—If you love me, keep my commandments (v. 28—if you loved me). 14:21—Whoever has and keeps my commandments is the one who loves me... will be loved by the Father and Son. 15:10—If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.	8:51—keep my word, not see death 8:55—I know him & keep his word. 12:50—The Father’s commandment is (leads to?) eternal life. 14:23-24—Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. 15:12—My commandment = love 15:20—if they obeyed my word, will obey yours 17:6—Disciples have obeyed God’s word.
11. THE LOVE OF GOD IN (US)	2:5 and 4:12—His love is perfected in us. (See 4:16-18; “perfect” [ <i>teleioo</i> ] can mean finish [John 4:34; 5:36; 17:4] or bring to completion [John 17:23; 19:28].) 2:15—The love of God is not in one who loves the world. 3:17—How does his love abide in one who lacks practical love?	3:1—love the Father has bestowed on us 4:9-11—not our love but his	5:42—(to unbelievers) You don’t have the love of God in your hearts. 17:26—He makes the Father known to disciples in order that the love with which the Father loved him may be in them, and he in them.	13:33-35—Love is proof we are his disciples. 15:9-10—Abide in my love. 17:23—unity in order for world to see that the Father sent the Son and loved them as he loved the Son
12. (BE) IN HIM/ME	2:5; 5:20—We know we are in him.		15:2—Every branch in me that beareth not fruit...	(often in Paul’s writings)
13. ABIDE IN HIM/ME/THE SON/GOD	2:6, 27, 28; 3:6, 15, 24; 4:13, 15-16; and others “Abide” = “continue.” See col. 4 →		5:38; 6:27, 56; 15:1-11; others. In my <a href="#">Survey of John</a> see Appendix B about “Abiding.”	

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14. NEW COMMAND- MENT (OR, COMMAND- MENT FROM HIM)	2:7-8—The new commandment is the same as the old commandment, heard from the beginning. 4:21—His commandment is to love your brother. (Cf. 3:23.)	3:11—This is the message you heard—love one another. (4:7-12—love)	13:34—A new commandment I give you, to love one another as I have loved you.	
16. OF ( <i>ek</i> ) THE WORLD	2:16—These lusts and pride are of the world. 4:5—The false spirits are of the world.		John 8:23—You are of this world; I am not of this world. 15:19; 17:14, 16—Disciples are not of the world.	
17. DO THE WILL OF GOD	2:17—He that does the will of God abides forever.		4:34; 5:30; 6:38, 39, 40—Jesus said, I do the will of him that sent me (or, of the Father). 7:17 (cf. 9:31)—if anyone desires to do his will	
18. KNOW THE TRUTH	2:21—I have not written to you because you know not the truth but because you know it.		8:32—You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.	
*19. BE OF ( <i>ek</i> ) THE TRUTH	2:21—No lie is of the truth. 3:19—By practical love we know we are of the truth.		18:37—Everyone who is of the truth listens to me.	
20. JESUS IS THE CHRIST (OR JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH)	2:22; 4:2 ,3—A liar denies that Jesus is the Christ; he is not of God, is antichrist. The spirit that confesses it is of God. 5:1—Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.	1:3; 2:1; 5:6— Jesus Christ 4:15; 5:5— Jesus is the Son of God.	11:27 and 20:31 have the same structure and meaning. 1:41; 4:25-26, 29; and others have the same meaning.	
21. ANOINT- ING/ SPIRIT (ABIDES &) TEACHES ALL THINGS	2:27—The anointing abides and teaches/ has taught you all things.	3:24; 4:13—We know he abides in us by the Spirit he has given us.	14:16, 26—Spirit of truth will be with you forever, will teach you all things.	

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22. BEGOTTEN (BORN) OF GOD (This verb is from <i>gennaō</i> = <i>be born.</i> )	2:29—Since God is righteous, those born of him will be righteous. 3:9—Whoever is born of God does not and cannot sin. 4:7—Whoever loves is born of God. 5:1—Whoever believes that Jesus is Messiah is born of God. If we love the one who begat, we love the one begotten. 5:4—Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. 5:18—The one born of God doesn't sin but keeps himself (?).	See #23.	1:13—who were born...of God	
23. (GOD'S) ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (The verbal part is from <i>ginomai</i> = <i>come to be.</i> )	4:9—God sent his only begotten [NIV his one and only] Son into the world	See #22.	1:14—We beheld his glory...as of the only begotten [NIV the One and Only] of the Father. 1:18—the only begotten Son [NIV God the One and Only] 3:16—gave his only begotten [NIV one and only] Son 3:18—name of the only begotten Son of God [NIV God's one and only Son]	
*24. HE THAT COMMITTETH SIN	3:4 ,8, 9—He that commits sin commits lawlessness, is of the devil.		8:34—He that committeth sin is a slave to sin.	
*25. IS OF ( <i>ek</i> ) THE DEVIL	3:8—He that commits sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning. 3:10—children of the devil	3:12—Cain was of that wicked one.	8:44—ye are of your father the devil, a murderer from the beginning	

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26. IS/ARE OF/ FROM ( <i>ek</i> ) GOD (when said of rational beings)	3:10; 4:1, 2, 3, 4, 6; 5:19—said of spirits, Spirit, and “we” [3 John 11—Whoever does what is good is of God; whoever does evil has not seen God.]	2:16—These lusts and pride are of the world, not of the Father. 4:7—Love is of God.	7:17—Jesus’ teaching from God; 8:42, 47—contrasting those of ( <i>ek</i> ) God with those of the devil (v. 44).	Jesus’ own origin from God is expressed using the prepositions <i>para</i> (16:27) or <i>apo</i> (16:30). Yet, see <i>ek</i> in 7:52—from Galilee.
27. LOVE ONE ANOTHER	3:11, 23—His message/commandment is to love one another. 4:7—Let us love one another. 4:11—God’s love prompts our love. 4:12—Such love shows that he lives in us.	3:14; 4:21—love brother	13:34—new commandment, to love one another	
28. WORLD HATES YOU	3:13—Marvel not that the world hates you.		15:18, 19; 17:14—as it hates Jesus, who has chosen us from the world	
*29. PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE (See #2 & #31.)	3:14—We know we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren; he that does not love abides in death.	5:13—know that you have eternal life	5:24—passed from death to life (equivalent to salvation)	
30. IS A MURDERER	3:15—Whoever hates his brother is a murderer.		8:44—The devil is a murderer.	
*31. HAS/HAVE ETERNAL LIFE (See #2 & #29.)	3:15—No murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 5:13—know you have eternal life		3:15, 16, 36; 5:24, 39-40; 6:40, 47, 53, 54; 10:10; 20:31	
32 SPIRIT OF TRUTH	4:6—He that knows God hears us, by which we know the spirit of truth.	2:27—The anointing is truth. 5:6—The Spirit is truth.	14:16-17—The Son will ask the Father to give this <i>Paraclete</i> , the Spirit of truth. 15:26; 16:13—The Spirit of truth proceeds from the Father, guides into all truth.	

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33. NO ONE HAS SEEN GOD (THE FATHER)	4:12—No one has ever seen God; our love shows he dwells in us. 4:20—If we don’t love our brother whom we have seen, how can we love the unseen God? 3 John 11—He that doeth evil hath not seen God.		1:18—No one has ever seen God; the Son has declared him. 5:37—You have neither heard his voice nor seen his shape. 6:46—None has seen the Father except the one who is of God.	3 John 11—He that doeth evil hath not seen God.
34. OVER-COME THE WORLD	5:4-5—Whatever is born of God overcomes the world.	2:13-14— “Young men” have overcome the wicked one. 4:4—Those of God have overcome the spirits (from the world) that don’t confess Messiah.	16:33—I have overcome the world.	
35. (GOD or others) BEAR WITNESS	5:6—The Spirit bears witness. 5:7-8—The spirit, water, and blood bear God’s witness about his Son. 5:9-11—God’s witness	1:2—The life was manifested.	1:7-8, 15, 19; 3:26—John the Baptist’s witness; 3:28, 32, 33; especially 5:31-39; and others—various witnesses	

**Other Expressions**

- WHAT WE HAVE HEARD 1 John 1:2-3
  - JOY MADE FULL 1 John 1:4
  - IS A LIAR 1 John 2:4, 22; 4:20 (cf. 1:10; 5:10)
  - WHATEVER WE ASK 1 John 3:22; 5:14-15
  - GIVE...THE SPIRIT 1 John 3:24b (cf. 4:13)
  - (NOT) RECEIVE WITNESS 1 John 5:9 (cf. 5:10)
  - UNTO DEATH 1 John 5:16-17
- John 3:11, 32
  - John 3:29; 15:11; 17:13; cf. 16:22
  - John 8:44
  - John 15:16-17
  - John 3:34; 7:39; 14:17 (cf. 20:22)
  - John 3:11, 32, 33; 5:34
  - John 11:4