

Know So Salvation

How to be certain of your salvation in an uncertain time

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John the Apostle

- Disciple whom Jesus Loved. (John 20:2)
- He and his brother called, "Sons of Thunder." (Mark 3:17)
- He, James, and Peter were part of the inner circle of disciples. (Mark 9:2)
- Wrote the Gospel of John, John 1,2,3, and the book of Revelation.
- Emperor Dominican placed him in a vat of boiling oil. There weren't any burns on him. Many believed because of him.
- Lived in Ephesus after leaving Jerusalem.
- **Love** mentioned 46 times, 57 in the gospel. **Know** mentioned 36 times

Issues

Jesus Christ: Gnostics were divided on their beliefs about Jesus Christ. One view held that he only *appeared* to have human form but that he was actually spirit only. The other view contended that his divine spirit came upon his human body at [baptism](#) and departed before the [crucifixion](#). Christianity, on the other hand, holds that Jesus was fully man and fully God and that his human and divine natures were both present and necessary to provide a [suitable sacrifice](#) for humanity's [sin](#).

Zavada, Jack. "Gnosticism: Definition and Beliefs." Learn Religions, Feb. 8, 2021, learnreligions.com/what-is-gnosticism-700683.

Dualism: Gnostics believed that the world was divided into the physical and spiritual realms. The created, material world (matter) is evil, and therefore in opposition to the world of the spirit, and that only the spirit is good.

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Purpose

There is a fivefold purpose expressed in 1 John:

(1) [1John 1:3](#) — "That ye also may have fellowship with us [other believers]; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

(2) [1John 1:4](#) — "That your joy may be full."

(3) [1John 2:1](#) — "That ye sin not."

(4) [1John 5:13](#) — "That ye may know that ye have eternal life."

(5) [1John 5:13](#) — "That ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Dr. J. Vernon McGee

1 John 1-4

New King James Version

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, concerning the Word of life— ² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that ^[a] your joy may be full.

1 John 1:5-10

Fellowship with Him and One Another

⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses 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.

1 John 2:1-2

The Test of Knowing Christ

- **2** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

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The Test of Knowing Him

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God ^[a] is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. ⁷ ^[b] Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard ^[c] from the beginning. ⁸ Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

- The Ten Commandments
- **You shall have no other Gods before me**
- **You shall not make for yourselves an idol**
- **You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God**
- **Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy**
- **Honor your father and your mother**

- You shall not murder
- You shall not commit adultery
- You shall not steal
- You shall not give false testimony
- You shall not covet

Two Commandments

Matthew 22:36-40

³⁶ “Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?”

³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is *the* first and great commandment. ³⁹ And *the* second *is* like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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The Ten and Two Commandments

Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all of your heart, all of your mind, and all of your soul.

How you treat God!

- You shall have no other Gods before me.
- You shall not make for yourselves an idol
- You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy

And your neighbor as yourself. How you treat your neighbor!

- Honor your father and your mother
- You shall not murder
- You shall not commit adultery
- You shall not steal
- You shall not give false testimony
- You shall not covet

A New Commandment

John 13:34-35

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Spiritual State

¹² I write to you, little children,
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13c I write to you, little children,
Because you have known the Father.

1 Corinthians 3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able;

13b I write to you, young men, (young People) GNT
Because you have overcome the wicked one.

14b I have written to you, young men, (Young People) GNT
Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you,
And you have overcome the wicked one.

¹³ I write to you, fathers,
Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning.

¹⁴ I have written to you, fathers,
Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning.