

Week 3

Review: Authorship, Audience, Style/Genre

- A. Background
- B. Re-centering our faith
- C. Johannine Keywords

Chapter 2

1. vv. 1-6, Christ Our Advocate

- A. My little children
- B. Sin in church - Luther, "The primitive church wasn't as holy as we believed it to be."
- C. Atonement, not take away God's wrath but to show God's love - John Wycliffe - Neologism. Does not change God(from wrath to love) but changes us(from sinners to saints).
- D. Test of commandments
- E. Christ as Advocate - *paraclete*
- F. Love - first of 52 times, with 10 more in the brief 1 & 2 John.
- G. Perfection - John Wesley and Christian Perfection

2. vv. 7-17, A New Commandment

- A. Epistolary greeting?
- B. Beloved (10 times in the Letters)
- C. Love???? is the new and old commandment
- D. Love of Neighbors - Dostoevsky's Ivan Karamazov, "I could never understand how one can love one's neighbours. It's just one's neighbours, to my mind, that one can't love, though one might love those at a distance... One can love one's neighbours in the abstract, or even at a distance, but at close quarters it's almost impossible."
- E. Hate causes blindness
- F. Family restored - strange text, to the family spiritual place not age, John Wesley - Christian Perfection, everyone is not at the same place.
- G. Intergenerational
- H. The love is family love for the local church, not focused on enemies or on the stranger (why?)

3. vv. 15-17

- A. Love of world vs. love of God
- B. *sarx* - flesh, not humanity, but non-godly, death
- C. Desire - *alazonia* - cravings

4. vv. 18-29, Warning Against Anti-Christs

- A. Eschatological fever, it is the last hour, used differently than in Gospel?
- B. Anti-christs? Counter-messiah
- C. Schism, "they went out"
- D. Back to eternal life.
- E. Being led astray by anti-christs
- F. Anointing-messiah
- G. Stay - abide in Jesus
- H. *Parousia*
- I. He is righteous so we do right

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1. vv. 2:28-v3:10, little children to children of God.

- A. Venerable Bede - In 1 John, God's love is freely bestowed "so that we both know how and are able to love him - to love him as children love their father, not as lowly hired servants love their master."
- B. Abide in him
- C. Revealed - *Parousia* - apocalypse

Hymn

Behold What Manner of Love

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