

Week 4

Review

Chapter 2 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-Revealed - *Parousia* - apocalypse
- I. He is righteous so we do right

*Chapter 3*

- 1. vv. 2:28--3:10, little children to children of God.
  - A. *Parousia* - Coming
  - B. Contradiction, sinners or not sinners?
  - C. Where are you living?
  - D. Kinship with God, 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."
  - E. Gustavo Gutiérrez, "We do not have two histories...one by which we become children of God and the other by which we become each other's brothers."
  - F. Theosis/Divinization/becoming divine
  - F. Abide in him
- 2. v11, Love is the message.
  - A. Hate-murder (Sermon on the Mount) - Violence is lovelessness
  - B. Cain and Able - sibling problem
- 3. v16, "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-and we ought to lay down our lives for one another." Christ as opposite of Cain
  - A. Love is known by the cross. Re-centering our theology
  - B. Moved by guts to help neighbor
- 4. vv. 18-24
  - A. Cotton Patch version v. 18, "My little one's, let's not talk about love. Let's not sing about love. Let's put love into action and make it real."
  - B. Truth - *Alethia*
  - C. Commandment - Believe and Love

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1. vv.1-6, Testing the Spirits
  - A. Beloved
  - B. False prophets
  - C. Anti-christs
  - D. Sin is not loving (Augustine on the seven deadly sins - all distorted? bent love)
2. vv.7-21, God is Love - Augustine, "Trinity is Lover, Beloved, and Love"
  - A. Relationship
  - B. Community
  - C. Justo Gonzales " The Trinity means that God is love"

### Hymn

#### *What Wondrous Love Is This*

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
2. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.