

1st John # 71

“Knowing We’re on the Right Track”

1st John 4:4-6; John 14:15-17a

The Lord Jesus Christ knows that keeping His commands with our sin natures within us and Satan’s cosmic world system around us requires a supernatural divine power in the form of God the Holy Spirit, a.k.a. the Spirit of Truth’s presence inside us.

In life there are authorities of all kinds and at times we’re tempted to put down the people who are in authority and although we may succeed in business, social life or in some other relationship, we’ll never legitimately take away the authority of those we put down.

To love the Lord Jesus is to follow Him wherever He leads; obey Him in whatever He asks and trust Him in whatever we face.

So, to love Jesus and love others like He did and does is a Holy Spirit motivated willful act of devotion to Him that’s proven by not only our actions toward Him in obedience to His commands but it’s blatantly obvious in our love for one another.

When we have maximum biblical truth in our soul, we can correctly evaluate whatever is being taught because we are using Scripture as our standard.

And Who is in us?

The Holy Spirit who indwells us and He has a power far greater than the one who empowers the world system!

We must shed our human viewpoint and receive divine viewpoint and that’s how we grow up spiritually; so those who refuse God’s way are going to be heavily attracted to Satan’s cosmic world system.

The apostle John shows us that the Holy Spirit’s ministry in our lives produces His fruit as we learn and apply the mind of Christ so that we can be assured that we’re prepared to stand before our Lord Jesus Christ when He appears at the Rapture.

Satan seeks to frustrate God’s will in our lives by getting our eyes off the Lord Jesus Christ which obscures our focus in life by putting our eyes on self, other people, circumstances or things.

All arrogance is self-centered subjectivity in which man distracts himself by doubting God and so he confuses himself with his own personal substitute system of coping with life.

Because man is inferior to angels and inherently weak to sin, human good and evil, he must gravitate to a system of power greater than himself.

Power means control and control satisfies the arrogance of man and fallen angels and one of the major forms of false happiness is the control of others in one’s environment.

All legitimate power is related to God and His plan for the human race.

Biblical truth learned and believed motivates the virtue of impersonal love for all mankind and impersonal love as a virtue toward man never discriminates and because it never discriminates, it's flexible and tolerates all kinds of people.