

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Shows the use of an agent to represent God or Satan

Eph 2:17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;

2Jn 1:9-11 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. (10) If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting; (11) for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

1Jn 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1Jn 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

Rom 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; (10) for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

1Jn 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

1Jn 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one.

1Jn 4:5 They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.

They = the antichrist

Jas 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1Jn 4:6 We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Joh 8:47 "He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God."

1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

In both covenants

Mat 22:37 And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'

*1Jn 4:8 The one who does not love does not know
God, for God is love.*

1Jn 1:5 And this is the message we have heard
from Him and announce to you, that God is light,
and in Him there is no darkness at all.

1Jn 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

Php 2:5-9 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, (6) who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. (8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

1Jn 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

propitiation = the atoning sacrifice

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

*1Jn 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought
to love one another.*

Joh 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are
My disciples, if you have love for one another."

1Jn 4:12 No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

Heb 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

1Jn 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

Eph 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

*1Jn 4:14 And we have beheld and bear witness
that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of
the world.*

Mat 1:21 "And she will bear a Son; and you shall
call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His
people from their sins."

1Jn 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

A verbal confession is insufficient!

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.

1Jn 4:16 And we have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Joh 17:25-26 "O righteous Father, although the world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me; (26) and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them."

1Jn 4:17 By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.

Mat 25:35-40

'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; (36) naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' (37) "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? (38) 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? (39) 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' (40) "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

We come to Jesus in both fear and love

Rom 11:22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

1Jn 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1Jn 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

Lev 19:17-18 'You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him. (18) 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

1Jn 4:21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

Mat 22:35-39 And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, (36) "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" (37) And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'" (38) "This is the great and foremost commandment. (39) "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

Do You Love God and His Son?

Joh 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Act 22:16 'And now why do you delay? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'