

WALKING IN THE PURE "LIGHT"
(A Study in I John Part III)

REVIEW SECTION

I. The four spiritual personalities.

1 John 2:12-13 12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. 13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. NKJV

- A. τεκνίον teknion (tek-nee'-on); an infant.
1. The focus of the infants were, sin and the need to know the they are forgiven of their sins. That Jesus is not the judge, but their advocate. Keeping his commandments. They are to be confident and not be ashamed. That because they are born of God they are not to sin, but to do righteousness. Believe on the Son and Love one another. Greater is He that is in You, than He that is in the System. Keep themselves from idols.
- B. παιδία (paidía) παιδίον (pahee-dee'-on) a childling (of either sex), a half-grown boy or girl
1. Discovering who the Father is. The anti-Christ. Being seduced by false teaching. Learning the voice of the Holy Spirit.
- C. νεανίσκοι (neanískoi) νεανίσκος (neh-an-is'-kos) a youth (under forty)
1. The young men, or the youths, have attained not a theology or a way of thinking, but a way of being (they have only three aspects): Overcoming the wicked one. Being strong (forceful). Abiding in the expression (Word) of God.
- D. πατέρες (patéres) from πατήρ (pat-ayr') a father
1. Fathers interestingly are only concerned with one thing, knowing the One called, Beginning.

II. The four qualities of spiritual attainment.

1 John 1:1-2 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 — NKJV

- A. Heard - ἀκούω (akoo'-o) to hear
- B. Seen - ὀράω horao (hor-ah'-o); properly, to stare at (by implication) to discern clearly by extension, to attend to; by Hebraism, to experience; passively, to appear
- C. Looked Upon - θεάομαι (theh-ah'-om-ahee); a prolonged form of a primary verb; to look closely at, i.e. (by implication) perceive (literally or figuratively); by extension to visit
- D. Hands Handled - χεῖρ (khire); perhaps from the base of the hand ψηλαφάω (psay-laf-ah'-o); to manipulate, i.e. verify by contact

III. The four qualities of expression.

- A. Manifested - ἐφανερώθη (efanerōithē) – was become visible. Its root word, φανερός phaneros, means shining. (Please take note that the ultimate point and visibility here is about that which is shining; in other words this is referring to Light.)
- B. Seen - ἑώρακαμεν (heōrākamen) – to discern clearly. Thus, the apostle was telling us that the Light was shining and we saw its shining.
- C. Bear Witness - μαρτυροῦμεν (marturoúmen) – and simple terms, this word means witness, much like a witness in legal proceedings. However the concept of μαρτυροῦμεν (marturoúmen), comes from the Greek word μάρτυς (martus) which means to witness to the death, or to stake one's life upon it.
- D. Declare - ἀπαγγέλλομεν (apangéllomen) – which again in simple terms, would mean to announce. However this word sounds very much like, anangelo, which would be a message. However in Greek thought, ἀπαγγέλλομεν (apangéllomen) refers more to a religious context. In many cases its usage is referring to close the Greek god, Hermes, the messenger of the gods. It is also interesting to point out that Hermes, the messenger of gods, had a numerical value of four; which brings the light why the Apostle

John brings the revelation of the four qualities of spiritual attainment.

NEW LESSON

IV. Entering the worlds of light.

- A. The key intention of John's epistle was for the disciples to have fellowship at the spiritual level of the Father (a highest spiritual level). His intention was for his disciples to mature completely. He did not want them to get stuck being an infant, a child or a youth. He did not want them to get stuck at simply hearing, seeing or even gazing. The total objective was to come into complete contact, into intimate union with "Beginning", the Divine Source of all creation, the Father. As far as the Apostle John was concerned, fullness of joy was truly possible at that level of attainment, at that level of revelation.
- B. As you probably noticed, the number four has repeated so several times. There are two key reasons the number four is very specific to the epistle First John:
 1. The first reason is really a minor one and has to do with all the Greek influence in the time of John. By the time John was writing this epistle there was a blending of Jewish and Greek culture in a Roman world; which as we pointed out, the teaching of the god Hermes, or in Roman thought the god Mercury.
 2. The second reason which is the important one, which is in Hebrew theology the four spiritual worlds. Each spiritual world has a different degree of light. Each world is layered on top of the other and the higher you ascend the greater the light. At the highest level, level four, is the world of total light, or pure light, or absolute light. This of course, would be the world that the Apostle John would have us all attain. This is the world of "Beginning", the Father, the total revelation of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.
 3. These four world's come directly out of scripture:

Isa 41:9-10 9 You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest regions, And said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away: 10 Fear not, for I am with

you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' NKJV

- a) אָצִיל (אֲצִילוֹת) This is where we get the word absolute from. It is the highest point, the farthest region. אֲצִיל appears 59 times in the Tanak (Old Testament), it means beside or near, literally the joining. The world of אֲצִילוֹת is actually three worlds, but because they are all pure light, they blend into one. (Much like the Trinity.)
- b) עֲשִׂיהַּ, יִצְרָהּ, בְּרִיאָהּ Creation, Formation, and Manifestation/Action.

Isa 45:7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these things.' NKJV

- 4. From the lowest to the highest or better said from the obscure to the fullest, each level is a fuller revealing of Light. John is teaching about these four worlds from three aspects, how they impact our maturity; how we come in contact with them and how we reveal them.
- 5. The Apostle Paul reveals to us the four filters of light, using Greek philosophy to explain the concept of the church at Ephesus.

Eph 6:10-13 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers of the darkness of this age**, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places**. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. NKJV

V. Degrees of Light.

1 John 1:5-7 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. NKJV

- A. Defining our union with darkness and the Light.

1 John 2:9-11 9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. NKJV

1. Darkness – Hate your brother.
 2. Light – Love your brother.
- B. The quality of Love, which is synonymous with Light and Life.