

# Mutual Fellowship

Testing Christian Fellowship (Part 5)

1<sup>st</sup> John 2:19-21



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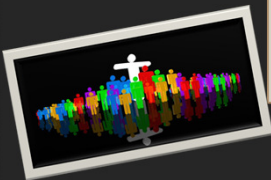
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| False Teachers                               | Church Fellowship                              |
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| 1. Premise #1 (v. 1:5)                       | 1. Premise #2 (vs. 2:1-2)                      |
| 2. The Test of False Fellowship (vs. 1:6-7)  | 2. The Test of False Allegiance (vs. 2:3-5a)   |
| 3. The Test of False Sanctity (v. 1:8-9)     | 3. The Test of False Behavior (vs. 2:5b-6)     |
| 4. The Test of False Righteousness (v. 1:10) | 4. The Test of False Spirituality (vs. 2:7-11) |

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| False Teachers   | Church Fellowship  |
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| <p><u>Purpose Statement</u></p> <p>2:26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.</p>  | <p><u>Purpose Statement</u></p> <p>1:3 ...what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.</p> |

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1st John 2:19-21



*Bibliotheca Sacra*

"The purpose of 1 John, though widely discussed, appears to be to reassure believers whose faith is wavering because of the departure of some who had turned out to be false teachers. They had been trusted but the humanity of Jesus and the proper role of love and obedience in the Christian life."

Dr. James Allman, "Quaerentes: To Propitiate or to Expiate?," *Bibliotheca Sacra*, Vol. 172, Num. 687, July-September 2015, 353.

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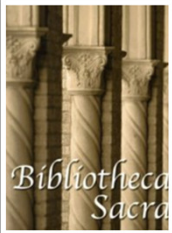
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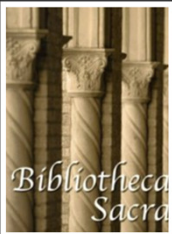
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"The false teachers had renounced the apostolic teaching about Christ, for they were not of God, but the readers (the implied audience of 1 John) are of God and can be certain that any flaws in their lives are dealt with by Jesus's work. For believers, the penalty is paid (expiation) and the wrath of God is averted."

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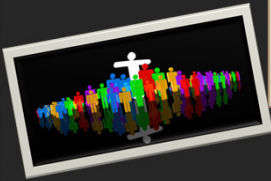
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# 1. Mutual Authority

1st John 2:19



Who are the "they" and the "us"?

"They went out from us, but they were not really of us..."

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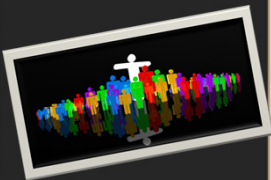
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# 1. Mutual Authority

1st John 2:19



What this verse is NOT:

1. A test for us to determine the salvation of others
2. An excuse for denominationalism or varying belief systems
3. An excuse not to fellowship with other believers

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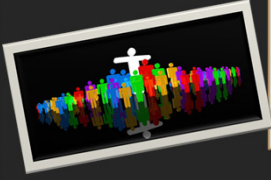
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What this verse is:

1. An apostolic warning given to early believers
2. A purging of the early Church

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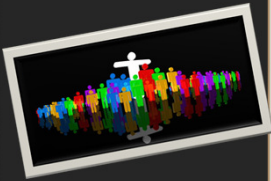
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## 1. Mutual Authority

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How does this apply to me?:

1. Realize the reality of false teachers within the Church
2. Understand the difficulty in forsaking previous false teachings

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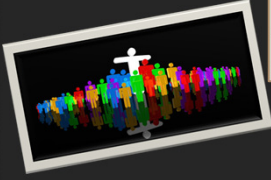
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## 2. Mutual Anointing

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Who is the "you" ?

"But **you** have an anointing from the Holy One, and **you all** know."

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(1 Jn. 2:20 & Lk. 4:18) *Chrisma* –

"mostly=oil for anointing... taken to mean anointing with the Holy Spirit" (BDAG)

"...of God consecrating Jesus to the Messianic office, and furnishing him with powers necessary for its administration" (Thayer Gk. Lexicon)

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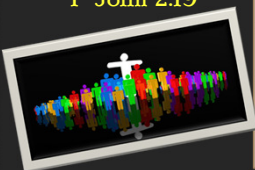
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(Jn. 12:1-8) *Aleipho* –

"to anoint by applying a liquid such as oil or perfume" (BDAG)

"...to oil (with perfume)" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance)

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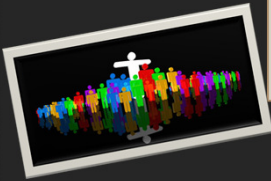
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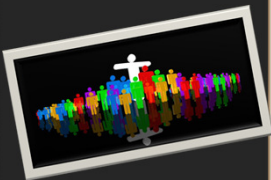
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## 3. Mutual Truth

1st John 2:21



**Consider the Following Quotes:**

It is no truth that makes man great, but man who makes truth great. ~ Confucius (c. 551-479 BC)

The victor will never be asked if he told the truth. ~ Adolf Hitler (1889-1945)

No man thoroughly understands a truth until he has contended against it. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

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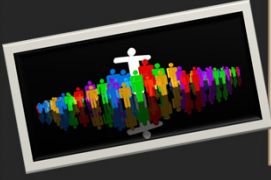
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**Consider the Following Quotes:**

What is truth? ~ Pontius Pilate (John 18:38)

Why shouldn't truth be stranger than fiction? Fiction, after all, has to make sense. ~ Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

Fraud and falsehood only dread examination. Truth invites it. ~ Thomas Cooper (1759-1839)

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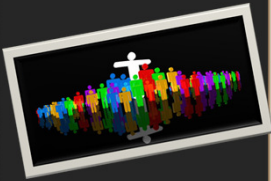
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**If Objective Truth is Impossible:**

1. All reasoning becomes impossible;
2. Undercuts knowledge & beliefs;
3. Pointless to "give a reason for the faith that is in you";
4. Leads to intellectual superficiality, sensate decadence, abuse of power, cynicism & scorn, & marketing manipulation

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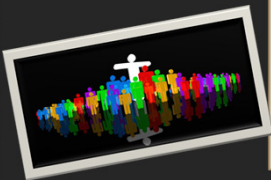
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**What Objective Truth Means:**

1. It is independent of the knower & his/her consciousness.
2. It is telling like it is; it is factual.
3. It corresponds to reality or actuality.

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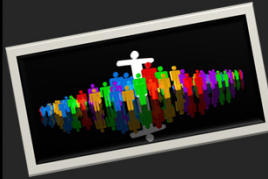
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### 3. Mutual Truth

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#### Truth Defined:

Truth is that which corresponds to reality, identifies things as they actually are, can never fail, diminish, change, or be extinguished, must be able to be expressed in logical propositions ( $t+t = \text{true}$ ), and is sourced in the God of the Bible who is the Author of all truth.

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If we can't know truth as it is, then we will find ourselves in a bit of trouble!



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