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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. 1 John 4:2

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Structure of 1 John

First Section: 1:5 - 3:10

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

The second section is 3:11 - 5:17 1 John 3:11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

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Second Section:

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God is love

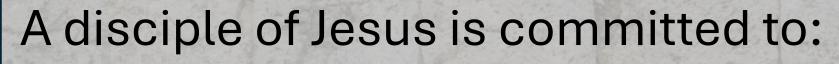
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Koinonia

The Greek word for fellowship, which refers to an intensely close and meaningful relationship shared by fellow believers. This relationship demonstrates the divine love and unity by which it is enabled.

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- Being with Jesus
- Becoming like Jesus
- Doing what Jesus did and still does today

Gnosticism

- Mixed Christianity and Greek philosophy.
- Salvation comes from receiving secret knowledge or wisdom.
- The world was not created by God but my an evil lower god called the Demiurge. Matter bad. Spirit good.

Next Steps

- Read 1 John 1:-2:2 every day
- Read through 3 times slowly
- What are the marks of real Christianity?
- How am I living that out?