

1 John 2:1-11 the Test of Knowing Christ

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1 John 2:1 NKJV - My little children, these things I write to you, **so that you may not sin**. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1st - GOAL: NOT SIN

2nd - we have an Advocate

Advocate = G3875 = παράκλητος paráklētos, par-ak'-lay-tos; an intercessor, consoler:—advocate, comforter.

The KJV translates Strong's G3875 in the following manner: [comforter](#) (4x), [advocate](#) (1x).

From Outline of Biblical Usage:

- I. summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid
 - A. one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate
 - B. **one who pleads another's cause with one**, an intercessor
 1. of Christ in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins
 - C. in the widest sense, **a helper, succourer, aider, assistant**
 1. of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom

But NOT just for the apostles - for us also!

The four other verses it is used:

John 14:16 NKJV - "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

John 14:26 NKJV - "But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 15:26 NKJV - "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

John 16:7 NKJV - "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

1 John 2:2 NKJV - And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 John 2:2 NLT - He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins--and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

AMP - And He [that same Jesus] is the propitiation for our sins [*the atoning sacrifice that holds back the wrath of God that would otherwise be directed at us because of our sinful nature—our worldliness, our lifestyle*]; and not for ours alone, but also for [the sins of all believers throughout] the whole world.

The TEST of Knowing Him

1 John 2:3 NKJV - Now by this we know that we know Him, **if we keep His commandments.**

1 John 2:4 NKJV - He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:5 NKJV - **But whoever keeps His word**, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

"I know him" - referring to the Gnostics who taught you didn't need the law. (lawlessness)

Perfected = G5048 = τελειόω teleiōō, tel-i-o'-o; from [G5046](#); to complete, i.e. (literally) accomplish, or (figuratively) consummate (in character):—consecrate, finish, fulfil, make perfect. **The KJV translates Strong's G5048 in the following manner:** [make perfect](#) (12x), [perfect](#) (4x), [finish](#) (4x), [fulfil](#) (2x), [be perfect](#) (1x), [consecrate](#) (1x). Total 24x

From Outline of Biblical Usage:

- I. to make perfect, complete
 - A. to carry through completely, to accomplish, finish, bring to an end
- II. to complete (perfect)
 - A. add what is yet wanting in order to render a thing full
 - B. to be found perfect
- III. to bring to the end (goal) proposed
- IV. to accomplish
 - A. bring to a close or fulfilment by event
 1. of the prophecies of the scriptures

Philippians 3:12 NLT - I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or **that I have already reached perfection.** But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

Remember verse 1, "*these things I write to you, so that you may not sin*". And when first baptized (and also at passover we should be without sin in us...

This is the state that God wants us to be working to be in all the time.

Philippians 3:13 NLT - No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

Philippians 3:14 NLT - **I press on** to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:15 NLT - Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you.

KJV: Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Philippians 3:16 NLT - But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

1 John 2:6 NKJV - He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to **walk just as He walked**.

Because HE is in us. We should be yielding to Him

John 14:17 NKJV - "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, **for He dwells with you and will be in you**.

John 15:4 NKJV - "**Abide in Me, and I in you**. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless **you abide in Me**.

John 15:5 NKJV - "I am the vine, you [are] the branches. **He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit**; for without Me you can do nothing.

1st - Bear fruit

2nd - Without Christ you can do NOTHING. With Him, EVERYTHING

Philippians 4:13 NLT - For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

John 15:6 NKJV - "If anyone **does not abide in Me, he is cast out** as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw [them] into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15:7 NKJV - "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 15:10 NKJV - "**If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love**, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

1 John 2:7 NKJV - Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.

1 John 2:8 NKJV - Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

1 John 2:9 NKJV - He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

1 John 2:10 NKJV - He who loves his brother **abides in the light**, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

1 John 2:11 NKJV - 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.