



JUST SO YOU KNOW YOU ARE DIFFERENT . . .

LIGHT ----- DARK

1 John 1:5;7 (NLT) This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all . . . ⁷ But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

TRUTH ----- LIES

1 John 1:6 (ESV) If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

SIN ----- FORGIVENESS

1 John 2:1 (NLT) My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

LOVE ----- HATE

1 John 4:20-21 (NLT) If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? ²¹ And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their Christian brothers and sisters.

4 THINGS TO REMEMBER AND A WARNING . . .

YOUR SALVATION IS SECURE.

1 John 5:13 (NLT) I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

YOUR PRAYERS MATTER.

1 John 5:14-17 (NLT) And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. ¹⁵ And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for. ¹⁶ If you see a Christian brother or sister sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life. But there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it. ¹⁷ All wicked actions are sin, but not every sin leads to death.

YOU BELONG TO GOD NOT THIS WORLD.

1 John 5:18-19 (NLT) We know that God’s children do not make a practice of sinning, for God’s Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. ¹⁹ We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

ITS ALL ABOUT JESUS.

1 John 5:20 (NLT) And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

WARNING: GUARD YOUR HEART

1 John 5:21 (NLT) Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.