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How You Fit In:

1 John Concepts

Understanding these concepts will help us understand 1 John, and that helps us know how we fit in.

The 3 types of Christians brought out in 2:12-14:

1:1 – 2:11, 2:15-27 These verses are for "little children". These are people who are trying Christianity out. They enjoy a real relationship with God. They experience the good things about knowing God- His peace and blessings. They also begin to experience the problems- the opposition, the hatred and prejudice against Christians and the expectation that they give up the pleasures of sin.

2:12-14 John gives the outline for his thoughts, now that he knows where he is going. (Then he adds more thoughts for the "little children" in 2:15-27.)

3:1-24 These verses are for the "young men". These are people who have made an unconditional commitment to stick with God, no matter the consequences. These people are focused on obeying God. Rules are extremely important. Satan lost the battle for their souls, and for their minds.

4:1-21 These verses are for the "fathers". Fathers have moved from an emphasis on obedience to one of truly caring for others, being unconditionally committed to their well-being no matter what the cost. Satan has lost the battle for their attitudes.

5:1-20 These verses are for young men and fathers. They give the basis for us sticking with God, for believing and acting like we actually have a relationship with God.

5:21 John returns to the people he initially started this letter to. They are a big concern of his.

1. Blood covenant relationships: *(Part 1 is largely derived from The Blood Covenant by H. C. Trumbull)*
 the universally dominating primitive convictions: that the blood is the life; that the heart, as the blood-fountain, is the very soul of every personality; that blood-transfer is soul-transfer; that blood-sharing, human, or divine-human, secures an inter-union of natures; and that a union of the human nature with the divine is the highest ultimate attainment reached out after by the most primitive, as well as by the most enlightened, mind of humanity. p. v.

the rite of blood-covenanting: a form of mutual covenanting, by which two persons enter into the closest, the most enduring, and the most sacred of compacts, as friends and brothers, or as more than brothers, through the inter-commingling of their blood, by means of its mutual tasting, or of its inter-transfusion. 3-4

There is cause for just surprise that the chief facts of this entire subject have been so generally overlooked, in all the theological discussions, and in all the physio-sociological researches, of the earlier and the later times. Yet this only furnishes another illustration of the inevitably cramping influence of a pre-conceived fixed theory,—to which all the ascertained facts must be conformed,—in any attempt at thorough and impartial scientific investigation. p. iii-v.

This rite is still [as of 1885] observed in the unchanging East; and there are historic traces of it, from time immemorial, in every quarter of the globe; yet it has been strangely overlooked by biblical critics and biblical commentators generally, in these later centuries. 3-4

As it is the inter-commingling of very lives, nothing can transcend it. It forms a tie, or a union, which cannot be dissolved. 6

Blood covenant relationship: The commingling of one's very life with others. Participation in and total commitment (sacrificially helping each other, if needed for the good of the other) to each individual in a group. Everyone subjects their desires, drives, needs, resources, methods, lifestyle principles, goals, and responsibilities to the good of the others. Everyone in a group is totally committed to and shares in & participates in all that the individuals and the group is and has and needs. Shared resources, shared lifestyles, shared responsibilities, shared super bond.

In the context of having the same lifestyle principles having (or creating) in common (sharing) a mutual group.. bond.. source.. resources.. capabilities.. taking on of responsibilities for each other.. goals.. blessings.. joy.. activities.. life..

>> *Being in blood-covenant relationship leads to...*

2. Anointing:

Receiving something from someone, especially an enabling endowment. In this case receiving God's lifestyle principles, receiving an implanting of God's lifestyle principles within, with an ever-growing ability to do them. The word "Christ" means "anointed one". As the anointed One Jesus is receiving the lifestyle principles of God the Father and, we being anointed ones, He is passing them on to you. Anointing deals with how Jesus comes to be like the Father and how we come to be like Jesus.

>> *The main part of the anointing is ...*

3. "Love":

the unconditional commitment to the well-being of others that you are in a relationship with or want to be in a relationship with and have a possibility of having a relationship with, no matter how you feel about them.

The word in the Greek is "agape" in 1 John.

Notice the words "no matter how you feel about them". Agape love has nothing to do with feelings.

I often use the words "unconditional commitment" or "unconditional commitment to the well-being of others" to avoid the confusions that come with using "love".

When you have an unconditional commitment to someone, you are willing to sacrifice for their well-being. Unconditional commitment is a sacrificial commitment when that person's well-being requires it.

>> *Now we have...*

4. Commonality:

having (or promoting via a contribution) a likeness, a similarity, a common set of traits, and on that basis to be a part of a group and participate in what the group does and in one another's lives, with a commitment to the well-being of the others even over one's own well-being due to a very sharing- intercommingling- of lives, due to being in blood-covenant relationship with each other. More specifically, in 1 John, having the similarity or common set of traits of living

by God's implanted lifestyle principles (though imperfectly for everyone except Jesus) and thus participating in a group, and what it does and in one another's lives, that includes God and God's followers due to a very sharing- intercommingling- of our lives with Jesus and the Father and the Holy Spirit and with each other, due to being in blood-covenant relationship with each other. It includes and shows in living in unconditional commitment ('love') to people in the group, placing the well-being of the others even over one's own well-being. And, in this universe, Jesus is also in a commonality with the Father and the Holy Spirit due to living by the Father's lifestyle principles (which Jesus passes down to us).

Commonly translated "fellowship" in 1 John.

>> *To keep this going God gives us...*

5. Eternal Life:

1) living by God's eternal lifestyle principles in the various circumstances of life so we have the affects on others God intends for us to have so God is glorified and people end up blessed. The eternal lifestyle principles we should live by. 2) everlasting life with God.

Definition 2 is commonly used, and easily understood. Definition 1 took some thinking.

In the Bible there are different definitions of the term: Jn 12:50; 17:3; Ro 6:23; 1 Jn 5:20. I looked for a common denominator in these definitions. First I had to decide what "life" really is, then took into account the ideas of "life" and blood covenant.

>> *...since our...*

6. Life:

life; ability and controlling of circumstances for the good of others and self, which gives us *the ability to affect God, people, circumstances, and/or others*

>> *leads to His glory.*

In this day and age the blood covenant can show up in different ways in our lives. 1 John shows the 3 stages of commonality the "enabling endowment" can take Christians through. "Little children" enjoy God's forgiveness and delight in having a relationship with Him. They may choose to abandon this relationship of blood covenant and go back into idolatry. "Young men" have permanently chosen to be in covenant with God, and seek purity of their relationship with God and with man, with an emphasis on theology and rules. "Fathers" have been transformed by God to the point they live by unconditional commitment to the well-being of others simply because God and people matter.

Sin to death vs. Sin not to death:

Sin to death involves idolatry- worshiping someone other than God as God. (This can break a blood-covenant relationship. Non-Christians do it, little children can do it, young men and fathers never do it.)

Sin not to death includes every sin except sin to death. (We all do this.)

To God be the glory

1 John Main Concepts simplified a bit

1 John is easier to understand when you see how some main concepts fit together.

We start with **blood covenant relationships**. God has set it up so His life and yours mingle together. His goals and abilities and resources and ways of acting and commitments become yours, and yours become His. You are totally committed to God, He is totally committed to you.

Once you enter into this relationship with God you receive an **anointing**, an enabling endowment. You are given the ability to act like God does in the various circumstances of life. You live by the same lifestyle principles God does. Not perfectly, but it happens.

And the main thing you get the ability to do is to be **unconditionally committed to the well-being of others**. People you like, people you don't like, people you would rather avoid altogether, you end up wanting the best for them, and God may have you help them get that best thing. Because you want to. God did it for you, you do it for others.

Now that you have this relationship and act like God somewhat you are part of a group where we are all alike. Not identical, but similar because we care for each other, help each other, share our lives. And the big deal is: God is part of this group. We are like God. He is like us. He takes care of us. We take care of Him. Because we have a common set of traits, a likeness, a **commonality**.

God's life is your life, your life is my life, my life is God's life. The blood-covenant relationship is real, meaningful. You live it. Because God makes you like Him.

To keep this going God gives you **eternal life**. Eternal life has 2 parts. First, it is *living by God's eternal lifestyle principles in the various circumstances of life so we have the affects on others God intends for us to have so God is glorified and people end up blessed. The eternal lifestyle principles we should live by.*

You have an affect on others because you have **life**. You have *the ability to control circumstances for the good of others and of yourself*. This gives you the ability to affect God, people, circumstances, even angels.

How you live matters. It affects others. It matters to God. Live God's ways and He gets glory. It matters to people. Live God's way and they get blessed. It is all based on living by the eternal lifestyle principles God lives by, the rules He follows out there in eternity- wherever that is- that He gives us the ability to live by. Living like God does out in eternity, God's ways, that is real eternal life. You do that now.

To keep this going, because God wants to get glory forever and He wants people blessed forever, He gives you **everlasting life**. You live forever with God, doing things God's way so God gets glory and people get blessed. This living forever with God, blessed by God, is the part of eternal life people usually think about.

God gives you certain similarities to Himself and to His followers as He puts His lifestyle principles in you and gets you to living by them. He also leaves you as a distinct person. Our lives are mingled **in the blood-covenant relationship**, and at the same time there are **3 stages of likeness** you have the opportunity to go through, while your life is mingled with God's and mine in the blood-covenant relationship. You start as what John calls a little child, even if you are 70 years old. You enjoy God's forgiveness and delight in having a relationship with Him. You may even decide to abandon God. Or

you can permanently choose to be in relationship with God. Then you are a young man and will seek purity in your relationship with God and people. Theology and rules will be important to you. And God may transform you so much you get unconditionally committed to the well-being of others, even when it costs you a lot, simply because God and people matter. Then you will be a father, using John's terms. You will show God's lifestyle principles differently than I do, because of the stage of the Christian life you are in and the different circumstances of life you live in.

While you are a little child you may choose to leave your relationship with God. That is the “**sin to death**” in chapter 5. When you become a young man or father you will never do this sin. You will never abandon God. Everyone does “**sin not to death**”, which is all the other kinds of sin. You will do harmful things, selfish things, but never with the goal of abandoning God. God deals with these for you, you lose some eternal rewards, but you stay in relationship with God.

God WANTS you. Sin is not a deal breaker.

Conclusion:

God wants you! Sin is not a deal breaker.

Except for the little child who wants to break it.

The Gift



Jesus in my heart makes me valuable

You can be a:

**ValuableMe- I am a bonafide headed-to-Heaven purpose-loaded person
God is delighted to see.**

I help you be one.

**I help you see you the way God sees you and see how to improve
so He sees you with delight**

About the author

I write for people who want to feel significant. I help you discover why you exist, why you suffer, just how much God WANTS You in a relationship with Him, what Jesus did and is doing so you get God's mercies (this is personally important to Jesus). Jesus N Me, Jesus N Mercies, Mercies N Me- this is all planned by God so you can be truly significant.

I'm a writer. I write. I've been mad at God when He gave me info belatedly, forcing me to rewrite. I've delayed on some projects and God has had to nudge me along. Mostly I just DO IT! I write. Theology, commentaries, Bible-teaching novels- I write. Writing is hard. It is frustrating. It is fun. It is my hobby. I write. I did finally have to tell God there is no sense writing if there are no readers. So now I have a little time for promoting, too.

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