

The Things We Know (vv. 13-17)

VERSE 13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has

given us of His Spirit [Ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκομεν ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ μένομεν καὶ αὐτὸς ἐν ἡμῖν, ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ πνεύματος αὐτοῦ δέδωκεν ἡμῖν [*prep en + pro.instr.nt.s. houtos + pres.act.ind.1p. ginosko + conj hoti that + pres.act.ind.1p. meno + prep en + pro.loc.m.s. autos + conj hoti + prep ek + d.a.w/noun gen.nt.s. pneuma + pro.gen.m.s. autos + pf.act.ind.3s. didomi + pro.dat.p. ego*]).

VERSE 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the

Savior of the world (καὶ ἡμεῖς τεθεάμεθα καὶ μαρτυροῦμεν ὅτι ὁ πατὴρ ἀπέσταλκεν τὸν υἱὸν σωτῆρα τοῦ κόσμου [*conj kai + pro.nom.p. ego + pf.act.ind.1p. theaomai see + conj kai + pres.act.ind.1p. martureo testify, bear witness + conj hoti + d.a.w/noun nom.m.s. pater + pf.act.ind.3s. apostello send + d.a.w/noun acc.m.s. huios son + noun acc.m.s. soter savior + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. kosmos*]).

ANALYSIS: VERSES 13-14

1. The presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit (God abides in us) has taught us the way to be filled with the Spirit (we abide in Him as per 2:27) and the doctrine of the indwelling of Christ, which refers to the mind of Christ in us via GAP (cf. Jn. 15:4-7).
2. To abide in Him, or abide in God, or abide in Me refers to being in fellowship via Rebound.
3. So God the Holy Spirit has taught us both the doctrine of the FHS and the indwelling of Christ (1 Jn. 3:24).
4. Verse 13 expands on verse 12 and tells us that the indwelling HS and indwelling of Christ.
5. God's love is made perfect in us via the FHS along with resident BD in the soul.
6. The evidence that the HS abides in us is our love for one another.
7. In verse 14 the perfect indicative of the verb "we have seen" refers to the salvation adjustment (only here used of the salvation adjustment).
8. This spiritual perception came when we first believed in Christ and this was made possible by the convicting ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

9. In that connection we were given the HIS, we were in fellowship and manifested love for God (verse hate) and practiced righteousness.
10. As a result of what “we have seen” namely that fact that God sent His Son into the world to be the Savior of the world we bear witness to this reality.
11. This is a primary test of being a believer namely this confession regarding the 1st Advent.
12. Note Jn. 3:42 “and they were saying to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.’”

VERSE 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him,

and he in God (ὃς ἐὰν ὁμολογήσῃ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, ὁ θεὸς ἐν αὐτῷ μένει καὶ αὐτὸς ἐν τῷ θεῷ [*pro.nom.m.s. hos + part. ean “Whoever” + aor.act.subj.3s. homolego confess, acknowledge + conj hoti + noun nom.m.s. Jesus + pres.act.ind.3s. eimi + d.a.w/noun nom.m.s. huios + d.a.w/noun gen.m.s. theos + prep en + pro.loc.m.s. autos + pres.act.ind.3s. meno abide + conj kai + pro.nom.m.s. autos + prep en + d.a.w/noun loc.m.s. theos*]).

VERSE 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for

us (καὶ ἡμεῖς ἐγνώκαμεν καὶ πεπιστεύκαμεν τὴν ἀγάπην ἣν ἔχει ὁ θεὸς ἐν ἡμῖν. [*conj. kai + pro.nom.p. ego + pf.act.ind.1p. ginosko + conj kai + pf.act.ind.1p. pisteuouo + d.a.w/noun acc.f.s. agape + pro.acc.f.s. hos which + d.a.w/noun nom.m.s. theos + pres.act.ind.3s. echo have + prep en + pro.loc.p. ego literally, “in us”*]).

God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him

(Ὁ θεὸς ἀγάπη ἐστίν, καὶ ὁ μένων ἐν τῇ ἀγάπῃ ἐν τῷ θεῷ μένει καὶ ὁ θεὸς ἐν αὐτῷ μένει.

[*d.a.w/noun nom.m.s. theos + noun nom.f.s. agape + pres.act.ind.3s. eimi + conj kai +*

d.a.w/pres.act.part.nom.m.s. meno + prep en + d.a.w/noun loc.f.s. agape + prep en +

d.a.w/noun loc.m.s. theos + conj kai + d.a.w/noun nom.m.s. theos + prep en + pro.loc.m.s. autos

+ pres.act.ind.3s. meno]).

ANALYSIS: VERSES 15-16

1. John, having their opponents in mind, applies in verse 15 what he affirms in verse 14.
2. The one who acknowledges/confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior of the world has God in him via the HIS and is in a permanent union with God.
3. We call this positional sanctification.
4. The two perfect tense verbs “know” and “believe” like the verb “see” in verse 14 references the salvation adjustment.
5. What we did not know we now know (cf. 1 Jn. 4:6).
6. What we came to know via Gospel witness we acted upon by believing in Christ for salvation.
7. The perfect tense of the verb ‘to believe’ indicates permanent and existing results.
8. We call this the doctrine of eternal security.
9. Confession of that Jesus (historical) is the Son of God recognizes the fact of His divine nature.
10. All who deny His deity are apart of the antichrist syndrome.
11. In v. 15 two realities are in place for the one who makes the good confession (1) he has the HIS; (2) he is in union with God via positional sanctification.
12. At the point of salvation the believer is baptized into Christ (1 Cor. 12:13 “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”; and Gal. 3:27 “For all of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”).
13. The object of saving faith is expressed in v. 16 as “the love which God has in us.”
14. This is somewhat unusual way of expressing the salvation adjustment.
15. In us is the IHS and E.L.
16. John restates in v. 16b v. 8:b namely that God is love and the one who abides in love (FHS) abides in God (FHS) and God abides in him (IHS).