

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1John 4:16-21**.
- B. The subject is the liars of 1John. Four places in this letter; John identifies liars. John is inspired by the HS and knows a liar.
- C. God always condemned liars.
  1. The 9th commandment (Ex. 20:16).  
"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."
  2. The second in the list of what God hates (Prov. 6:16-19; esp. 17).  
There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: **17** Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, **18** A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, **19** A false witness *who* utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.
  3. Lies are an abomination and of the devil (Prov. 12:22; Jn. 8:44).  
**(Prov 12:22)** Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal faithfully are His delight.  
**(Jn 8:44)** "You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

## I. FIRST JOHN 1:6.

- A. Fellowship means to have a partnership, a joint sharing, or communion (1Jn. 1:6).  
If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;
- B. We are not to walk in spiritual darkness (Jn. 8:12).  
Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."
- C. How do we tell the truth? (1Jn. 1:7).  
but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

## II. FIRST JOHN 2:4.

- A. What does it mean to know God and the Son?
  1. It is more than just an intellectual acknowledgement of Him.
  2. To enter into an intimate spiritual relationship (1Jn. 2:4).  
The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;
  3. Know God means doing what He says (1Jn. 2:3).  
And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.
- B. Some teach that commands are unimportant. But this is not true. We show our love to God by keeping His commandments (Jn. 14:15).  
"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."
- C. We must obey the greatest commandment (see Mt. 22:37-40), and then all the others.

## III. FIRST JOHN 2:22.

- A. Gnostics of John's day denied Jesus as the Christ (1Jn. 2:22).  
Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.
- B. Unfortunately many today deny Jesus by not confessing Him (Mt. 10:32-33).  
"Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. **33** "But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven."
- C. As Xians we must stand up for Jesus and follow in His steps (1Pet. 2:21).  
For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

#### IV. FIRST JOHN 4:20.

- A. This is a direct conflict. If I hate a brother (in X), I can't love God the way I should (1Jn. 4:20).  
If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.
- B. While no brother or sister in Christ is perfect and will have some faults, we are to love people and hate the sin (1Jn. 3:18).  
Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.
- C. We must do whatever needs to be done to keep in a right relationship with our brothers and sisters in X (Mt. 18:15; 5:23-25).  
(Mt 18:15) "And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother."  
(Mt 5:23-25) "If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. **25** "Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, in order that your opponent may not deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison."

#### CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. May we never be categorized as one of these four liars.
- B. How does God consider you? Hopefully, as a person of truth.
- C. God desires that everyone obey the truth and become a Xian.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.