

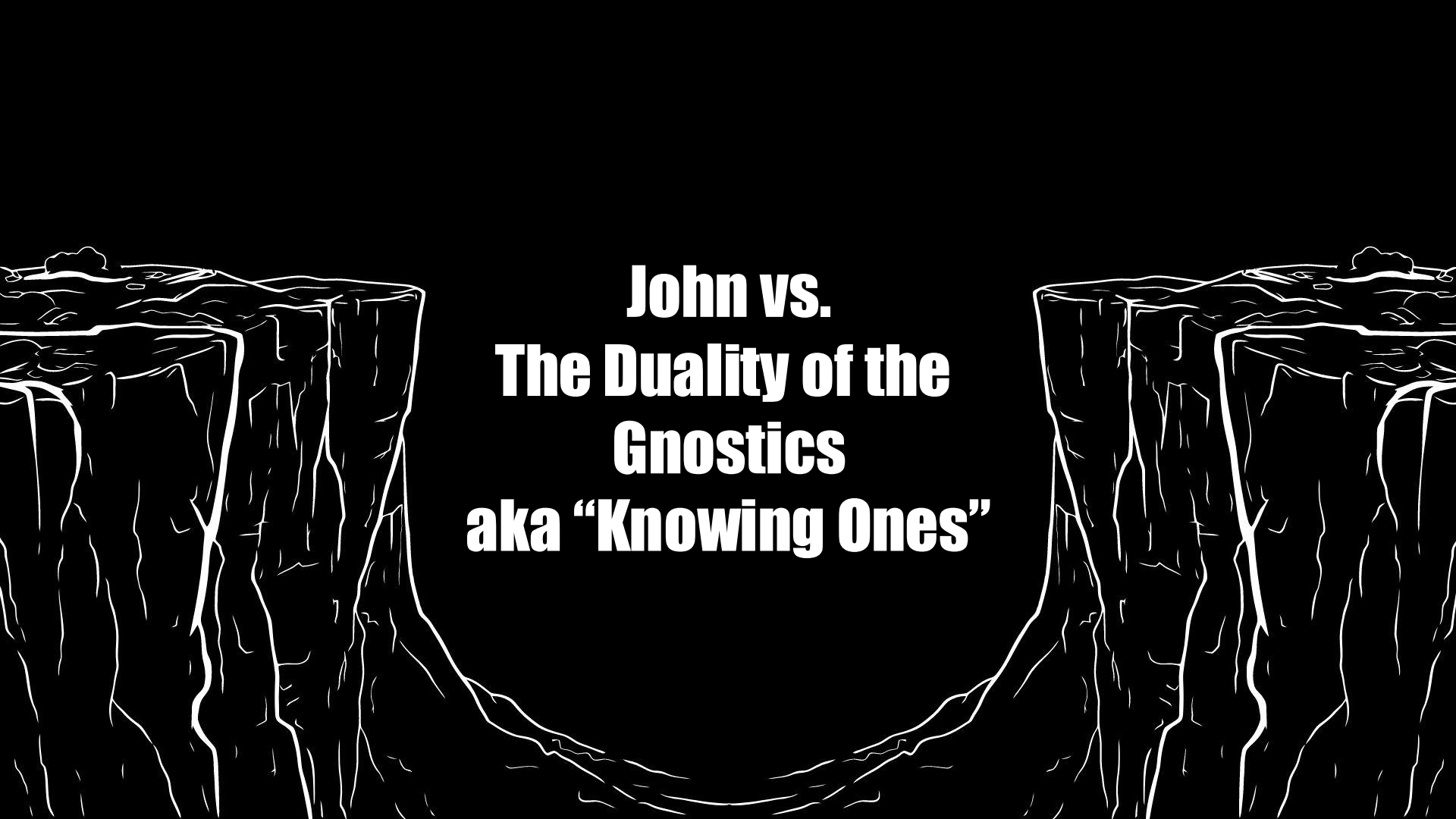
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THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN

**“That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard,
which we have seen with our eyes,
which we looked upon
and have touched with our hands,
concerning the word of life...”**

1 John 1:1



**John vs.
The Duality of the
Gnostics
aka “Knowing Ones”**

2 Main Types of Gnosticism

“Docetic”

**Jesus only seemed
to have a body.**

He was more of a phantom.



“Cerinthian”

**Jesus was just a man
during his birth, death, and
resurrection.**



2 Behaviors That Come From These Beliefs:

Flesh Fasting



Flesh Feasting



Certain Senses “Which we have *heard*”

**Truly, truly, I say to you,
whoever hears my word
and believes him who sent me
has eternal life.**

**He does not come into judgment,
but has passed from death to life.**

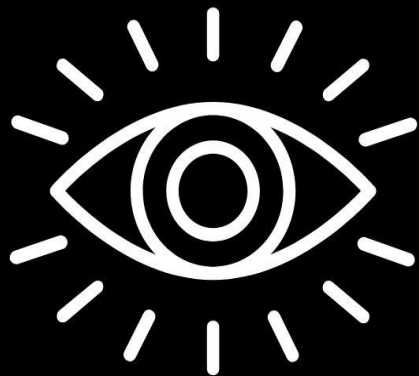
John 5:24



Certain Senses “Which we have *seen with our eyes*”

**No one has ever seen God;
the only God, who is at the Father's side,
he has made him known.**

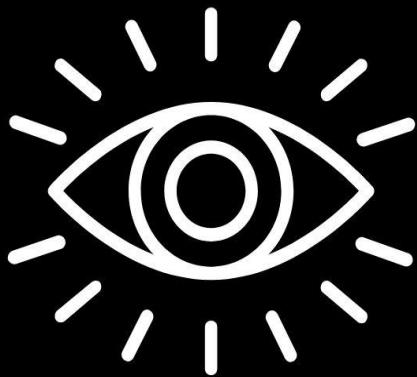
John 1:18



Certain Senses “Which we have *seen with our eyes*”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...”

John 14:6-9



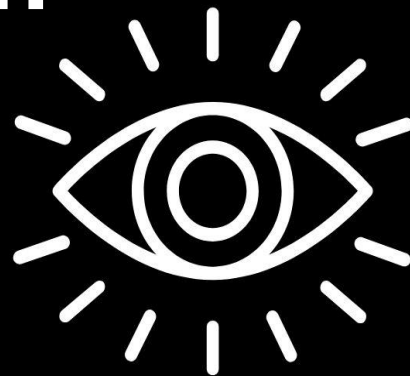
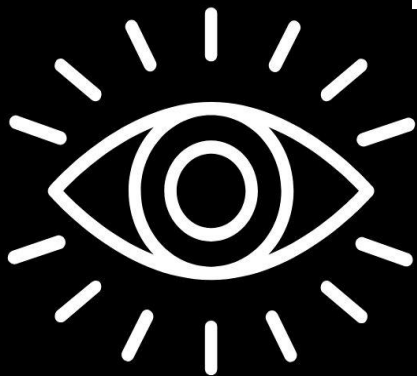


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Certain Senses “Which we *looked upon*”

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

John 1:14



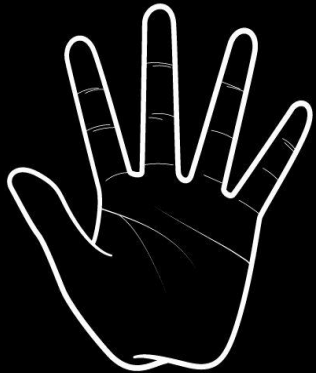
Certain Senses “and have *touched* with our hands”

**See my hands and my feet,
that it is I myself.**

Touch me, and see.

**For a spirit does not have flesh
and bones as you see that I have.**

Luke 24:39



Certain Senses “and have *touched* with our hands”

**Then he said to Thomas,
“Put your finger here, and see my hands;
and put out your hand,
and place it in my side.**

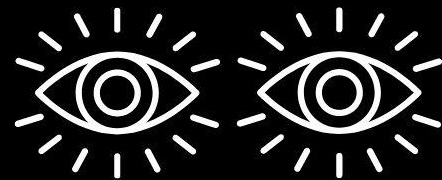
Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

John 20:27





**Certain Senses
Application Focus**

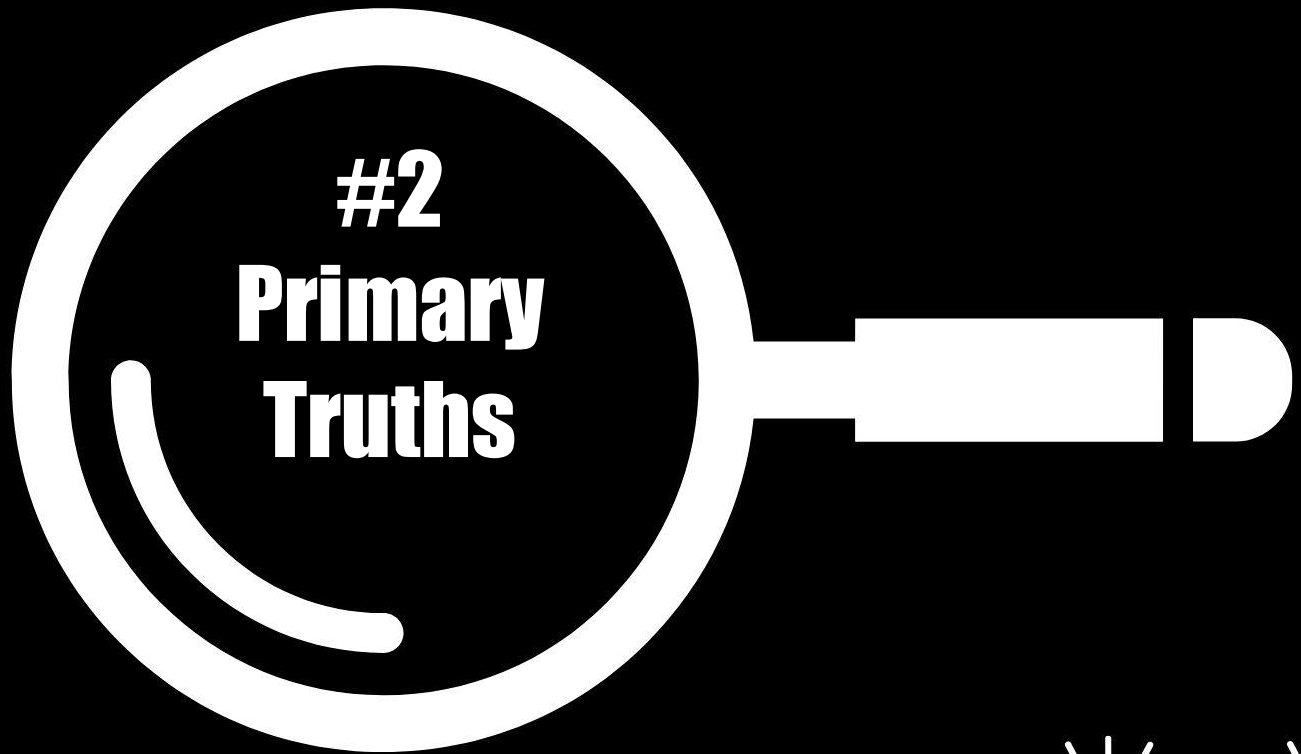


**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!”
Psalm 34:8**

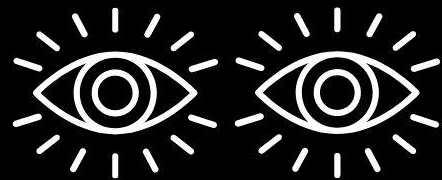




We experience and grow to know God over the progression of time as we mature. We cannot judge God based on one terrible moment – the enemy loves to exploit that.

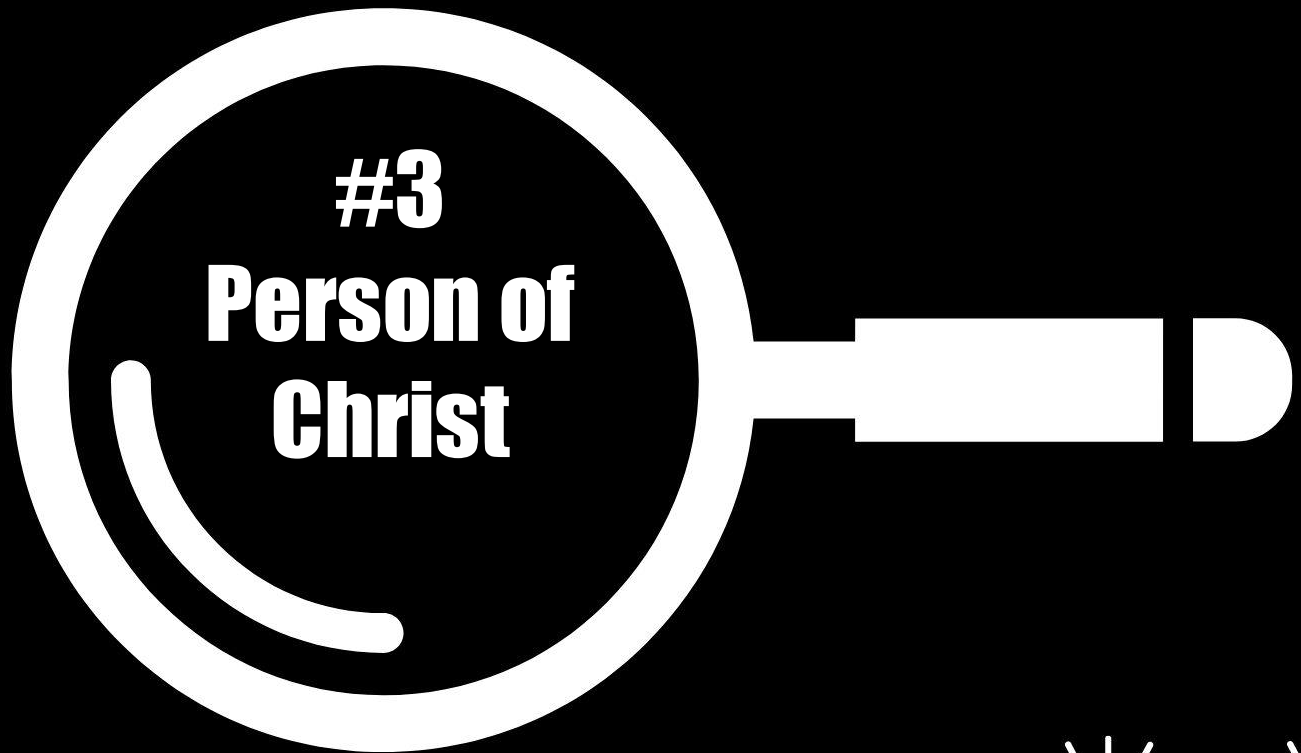


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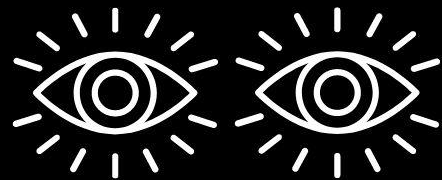


As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

1 Timothy 1:3-7



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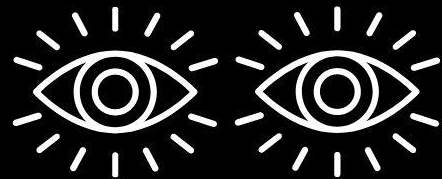
**And we all, with unveiled face,
beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another.**

**For this comes from the Lord
who is the Spirit.**

2 Corinthians 3:18



**Certain Senses
Application Focus**



“What is the result of people’s first-hand interaction with us? We are as close as they are going to get to the current historical manifestation of this life of God. What do they hear from us? What do they see? What do they closely observe as they check us out?”

Paul Apple

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Focus on:

Progressive Growth

Primary Truths

Person of Christ

Patterning Christ to Others



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