

# First John

## 1 Jn. 3:19-24





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21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.



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(1) A quiet heart, 3:19-21

(a) A confirming heart, 3:19

1 Jn. 3:19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

Original Word: γινώσκω

Transliteration: ginóskó

Definition: I am taking in knowledge, come to know, learn; aor: I ascertained, realized.

*ginóskō* – properly, *to know*, especially through *personal experience* (*first-hand* acquaintance).

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Original Word: πείθω

Transliteration: peithó

Definition: I persuade, urge, **assure**, trust, confident

*Peíthō* (the root of *pístis*, "faith") – to *persuade*; (passive) *be persuaded* of what is *trustworthy*.

The Lord persuades the yielded believer to be *confident* in His preferred-will (Gal. 5:10; 2 Tim. 1:12). (*peíthō*) involves "*obedience, but it is properly the result of (God's) persuasion*" (WS, 422). <http://biblehub.com/greek/3982.htm>

Rom. 8:38 For I am **persuaded**, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,





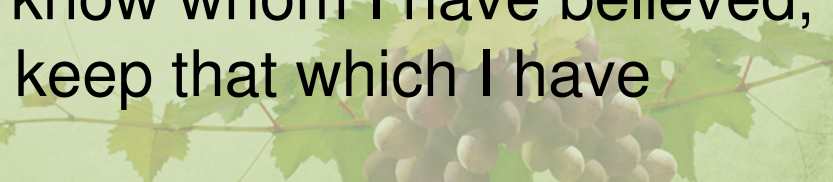
Phil. 1:6, 14 Being **confident** of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: ...

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing **confident** by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Phil. 2:24 But I **trust** in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

Gal. 5:10 I have **confidence** in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

2 Tim. 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am **persuaded** that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.



(b) A condemning heart, 3:20

1 Jn. 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Original Word: καταγινώσκω

Transliteration: kataginóskó

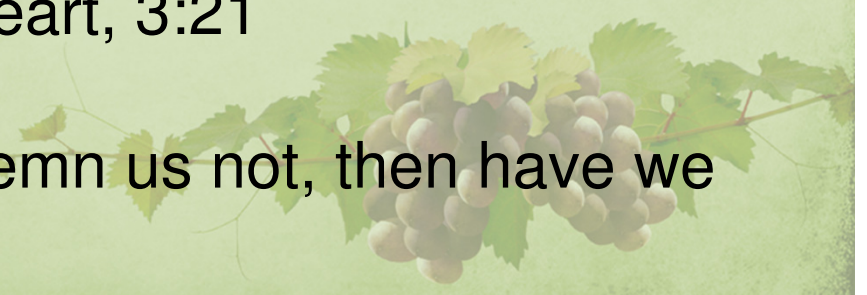
Definition: I condemn, blame.

*kataginóskō* (from *katá*, "according to, down to," intensifying *ginóskō*, "know experientially") – **properly, to find as *decisively guilty* and on the basis of direct, *personal acquaintance*; *specifically* condemn by having a first-hand awareness of the facts; to charge as guilty with specific (pointed) facts.**

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(c) A confident heart, 3:21

1 Jn. 3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.






1 Jn. 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship** one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 Jn. 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Heb. 9:9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, **as pertaining to the conscience**; ... 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

Heb. 10:2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that **the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.** ...

22 **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,** having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.





1Ti 1:19 Holding faith, **and a good conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Original Word: παρρησία

Transliteration: parrésia


Definition: freedom, openness, especially in speech; boldness, confidence.

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(2) A quickened hope, 3:22

(a) What prayers are answered, 3:22a “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him...”

(b) Why prayers are answered, 3:22b  
“...because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.





Jn. 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; **for I do always those things that please him.**

Original Word: ἐντολή

Transliteration: entolé

Definition: an ordinance, injunction, command, law.

Properly, "*in the end*," focusing on the *end-result (objective)* of a *command*.

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1 Jn. 5:14 And this is the **confidence** that we have in him, that, **if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.



c. The triumph of that love, 3:23-24

(1) The commandment of the Son, 3:23

1 Jn. 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

(2) The confirmation of the Spirit, 3:24

(a) The saint abiding in the Son, 3:24a  
“And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him...”





Jn. 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. ...

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Original Word: ἐντέλλομαι

Transliteration: entellomai

Definition: I give orders (injunctions, instructions, commands).

*entéllomai* – to command, emphasizing the *end-objective*, i.e. reaching the purpose (consummation, end result) of an order – i.e. as envisioning how or where it ends up.

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Rom. 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

(b) The Spirit abiding in the saint,  
3:24b "...And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us."

Original Word: γινώσκω





Eph. 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles **the unsearchable riches of Christ;**

9 And to make all men see what is **the fellowship** of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: ...

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

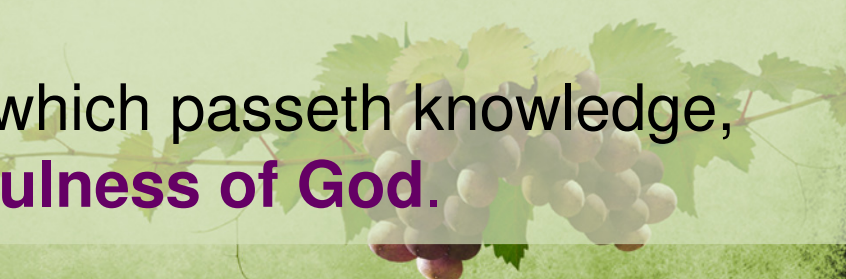
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

17 That **Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,**

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And **to know the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**







## Conclusion

Jn. 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. ...**

10 **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.**