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Hebrews 4:12

**For the word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing to the division of soul and of spirit,
of joints and marrow, and discerning the
thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

...why learn the Bible?

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INVESTIGATION OF 1 JOHN

John

‘the one Jesus loved’

to the churches in Asia Minor

‘modern day Turkey’

Author & Recipients

'the joy of our fellowship with God'

Κοινωνία

...idealized state of relationship...

Purpose

‘the joy of our fellowship with God’

Koinonía

...idealized state of relationship...

**“the real me, and the real you,
relating honestly with the real God”**

Purpose

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The life of following Jesus

The Christian life

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1 John 1:5-2:27

The Christian life
is not a life of perfection....
is a life of '*confession*'.

The Christian life
is not a life of duplicity....
is a life of '*obedience*'...

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1 John 1:5-2:27

The Christian life
is not a life of achieving....
is a life of *'abiding'*

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Our lives are based
on an understanding of
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1 John 2:28-3:10

**‘who you are determines
what you do’...**

...rather than...

**‘what you do determining
who you are’!**

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‘who you **be** determines
what you **do**’...
...rather than...

‘what you **do** determining
who you **be**’!

...rather than...

DO.....BE

...it is...

BE.....DO

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I am... _____

I John 2:28-3:10

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Soldier's Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team.

I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained, and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment, and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

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- 28 And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming.
- 29 If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him.

- 1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.
- 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.
- 3 And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

- 4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
- 5 You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin.
- 6 No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him.

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- 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.
- 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

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- 9 No one born of God make a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in Him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.
- 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.



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"I am a child of God"

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"I am a lover of people"

'new and now identity'

A Christ Follower's Creed

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I am a child of God.

I am an image bearer and a member of the family of God.

I serve a risen Savior and live for all that He calls me to do.

I am dedicated to practice righteousness because He has made me pure and holy.

I will always maintain my heart, my mind, and my body in order to honor God.

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I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemy of righteousness in the close combat of my own life and the world around me.

I am a guardian of God's grace and truth that can transform my life the hearts of others.

I will always place His Great Commission first.

I will never have to accept defeat because Christ has already given us the victory.

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