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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?

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

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

Purpose

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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The Christian life
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is a life of *'abiding'*

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Our lives are based
on an understanding of
our *'identity'*

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1 John 2:28-3:10

**What you believe determines
who you are...
who you are determines
what you do...**

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What you *believe* determines
who you *be*...
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**“A lie believed to be true
will affect your life as truth
though it still be a lie!”**

*Jim Craddock,
Scope Counseling Ministries,
Oklahoma City, OK*

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If our *'identity'*,
is being a *child of God*,
then what is the natural
implication?

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12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

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- 13 Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.
- 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers.
Whoever does not love abides in death.
- 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

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19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him;

20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything.

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;

22 and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him.

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- 23 And this is His commandment,
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...is a life of ***being*** who God has
made you as His child

...and ***doing*** what is natural based on that
identity,



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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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- 2.**
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