KEY THEMES of I John that Jesus introduced in the Upper Room discourse (John 13 – 16):

1. To walk in fellowship with God, the believer needs continual cleansing from sin’s defilement

John 13:10 *“Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.”*

The Lord told Peter that an all-over bath (Greek word: louo – symbolizing the one-time “washing of regeneration”) is needed *only once* (John 3:5; Titus 3:5; I John 2:2, 12). However, the believer needs *daily cleansing* (Greek word: nipto) as he walks in this world and contracts defilement.

* **John 13:4-13** vs. I John 1:5-2:2

2) Believers bear FRUIT only through ABIDING in Christ, the Vine.

* **John 15:1-7** vs. I John 2:6, 10, 24-28; 3:6, 24; 4:12-13

3) Jesus’ “New Commandment: “love one another, as I have loved you”

* **John 13:34-35; 15:12-14, 17** vs. I John 2:3-11; 3:11-19; 4:7-5:3

4) Jesus said the measure of our *LOVE FOR HIM* is to *OBEY* Him.

* **John 14:21-24; 15:10** vs. I John 2:3-6; 3:23-24; 5:1-3

5) God’s children in constant conflict with the Satanic world system.

* **John 15:18-25; 17:15-19** vs. I John 2:15-17; 4:1-7; 5:19

6) The Holy Spirit as the believer’s one true Teacher

* **John 14:16-17; 15:26; 16:12-15** vs. I John 2:20-27; 3:24; 5:6-8 (KJV)

7) Jesus gave believers the privilege of praying to the Father in His Name

* **John 15:7; 16:24** vs. I John 3:22; 5:14-15