

1<sup>st</sup> John 28 & 29 -3:1-10

28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him. (3 ) How great is the love the Father is lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. 2 Dear friends, now we are Children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. 5 But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin. 6 No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him. 7 Dear Children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous. 8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him ; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; neither is anyone who does not love his brother.

To live a victorious Christian life we need to depend on a power far greater than ourselves.—The Holy Spirit of God. The Spirit creates in us a spiritual hunger and then provides us with strength as we read the word.

Jesus said in Jn. 14:23 "If a man loves Me, he will keep My words and My Father will love him, and will come and make our abode with him."

Keeping God's Word is a connecting link between God's blessing & the Christian. His Word is the path that leads to perfect love. Our love for the Lord is perfect only to the extent that we obey His word. And in partaking of the Lord's Supper at this time of remembrance, we are following the example set before us in the scriptures.