

# Real Christians & Deepfakes (Pt. 3)

## **1 John 5:16-21**

- I. Praying for False Christians in False Teaching or with False Professions (16-17)
- II. Distinguishing Real Christians from False Christians (18-21)
  - A. Real Christians Have a New Relationship with Sin (18).
  - B. Real Christians Have a New Father and Family (19).
  - C. Real Christians Have a New Saving Understanding of the True God (20-21).

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1. Its Source (20a) – The Son of God Incarnate

a. Through His Word—Revelation

- By explaining God's previous revelation (Mt. 5:17-20; Mk. 1:37-38; Lk. 24:44-48)
- By bringing God's new revelation (Jn. 12:49; 17:7-8)
- By authorizing the NT revelation (Jn. 14:25-26; 15:27; 16:12-13; 17:20)

b. Through His Spirit

- By giving us spiritual life—Regeneration (1 Cor. 2:14)
- By giving us spiritual insight—Illumination (1 Cor. 2:15)

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C. Real Christians Have a New Saving Understanding of the True God (20-21).

1. Its Source (20a)

2. Its Result (20b)

a. We know the true God (20b).

b. We are in the true God (20b).

- We are united to Him and share His life (cf. Eph. 4:18).

- We have continuing fellowship with Him (1:3).

3. Its Exclusivity (20c)

4. Its Enemy (21)

# The Overarching Lessons

1. A call for repentance & faith, if you don't claim to be a follower of Jesus.
2. A call for self-examination, if you claim to be a follower of Jesus.
3. A call for assurance, if you pass the three tests of eternal life.