

IT'S REAL—4

“It’s Real Because it has STANDARDS”

1 John 2:3-11

Introduction. _____

Note the important STANDARDS or “weights and measurements” that support the believer’s assurance of salvation:

I. FIRST, THERE IS THE BALANCE BETWEEN _____ AND DISOBEDIENCE (1 John 2:3-5).

- A. First, there is the _____ side of the scale (2:3).
- B. Secondly, look at the _____ side of the scale (2:3-4).
 - 1. First, consider the _____ (2:3a). *“He that saith, I know him . . .”*
 - 2. Secondly, note the _____ (2:4b) *“ . . . and keepeth not his commandments . . . ”*
 - 3. Thirdly, notice the _____ (2:4c) *“ . . . is liar, and the truth is not in him. ”*
 - 4. Fourthly, see the _____ (2:5) *“But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected; hereby know we that we are in him.”*

II. SECONDLY, THERE IS THE BALANCE BETWEEN _____ THE DEVIL OR IMITATING CHIRST (1 John 2:6).

- A. First, notice the _____ (2:6a) *“He that saith he abideth in him . . .”*
- B. Secondly, note the _____ (2:6b) *“ . . . ought to also so to walk . . . ”*
- C. Thirdly, consider the _____ (2:6c) *“ . . . even as he walked. ”*

III. THIRDLY, THERE IS THE BALANCE BETWEEN _____ AND HATE (1 John 2:7-11).

- A. First, note the _____ (2:9a) *“He that saith he is in the light . . .”*
- B. Secondly, notice the _____ (2:9b, 11b). *“ . . . and hatheth his brother . . . and walketh in darkness . . . ”*
- C. Thirdly, consider the _____ (2:9c, 11c) *“ . . . is in darkness even unto now . . . and is in darkness . . . and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that blindness hath blinded his eyes. ”*
- D. Fourthly, see the _____ (2:10-11)