






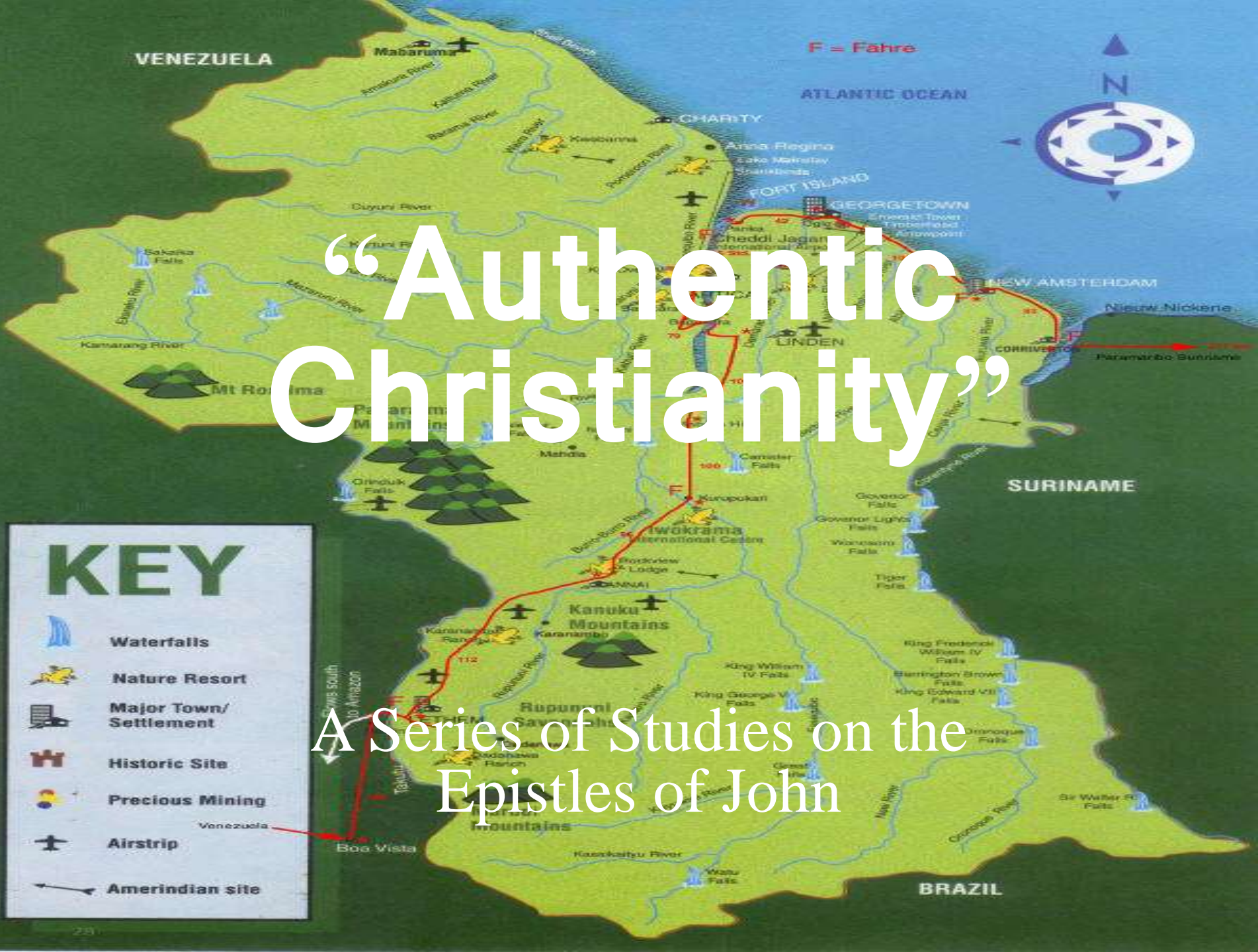


“Authentic Christianity”

A Series of Studies on the Epistles of John

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-  Waterfalls
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➤ Proverbs 8:23 I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning, before there was ever an earth.

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➤ Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

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➤ John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

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➤ Philippians 2:6-8 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

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2. *The earthly Christ (1:1b–2):* John saw, heard, and touched the physical body of the Savior.

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two reasons for Jesus' incarnation.**

1. ***The vertical reason*** (1:3): That we might experience fellowship with both the Father and Son.

2. ***The horizontal reason*** (1:4): That we might share our joy with one another.

First Test of Fellowship:

- **Obedience** (1:5–2:6)

A. The fact (1:5): “God is light and there is no darkness in him at all.”

B. The fruits (1:6–10)

1. *Negative* (1:6, 8, 10): If we walk in darkness with unconfessed sin, we will remain barren.

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2. *Positive* (1:7–9): If we walk in the light and confess our sin, we will be cleansed and fruitful.

Note the four “liars” here:

(1) lying about fellowship, 1:6–7;

(2) lying about our nature, saying that we have no sin, 1:8;

(3) lying about our deeds, saying that we have not sinned, 1:10; and

(4) lying about our obedience, saying that we have kept His commandments when we have not, 2:4–6.

Who Is Jesus?

C.S. Lewis

I am trying to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I am ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claims to be God." That is one thing we must not say.

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A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things that Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the devil of hell.

You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse.

Breaking the Cycle of Sin

1. Confess your Savior (1:1-7)
2. Confess your sinful nature (1:8)
3. Confess your sinful behavior (1:9,10)
 - Your mind (Eph. 4:17, 18)
 - Your will (Eph. 4:17, 18)
 - Your emotions (Eph. 4:17, 18)

Breaking the Cycle of Sin

**Isolation
Separation**

Relational Problems with:

God
Ourselves
Others

Lack of:
Talk
Feelings
Trust

Galatians 5

Fear
Shame
Guilt
Anger

WORKS OF THE FLESH

Compulsive/Addictive Escapes

Sex Money Lying
Drugs Religion Cheating
Music Work

Avoidance

Testing or Temptation

Crisis

Significance
Security
Salvation

Personal Needs



Breaking the Cycle of Sin

Testing or Temptation

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Identify the Pain

↓
Acceptance

↓
Identify with Christ's Suffering

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Romans 6

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Identify with Christ's Victory

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Growth and Recovery

II Corinthians 1

Ministry and Fellowship

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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