

THE PROVINCES OF ASIA MINOR 1ST CENTURY A.D.

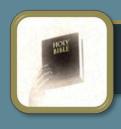
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"The heresy combated in John's first epistle was perverted in its Christology and woefully deficient in its morality. It denied that Jesus was the Christ, the pre-existent Son of God. It was not necessarily a denial of the historicity of Jesus, nor of the existence of the Christ, but it was a denial that the two were to be identified as one and the same Person. Such a disavowal was a repudiation of the incarnate Jesus of whom the apostles had intimate knowledge. In the area of morality, the heresy was decidedly antinomian, not a careless kind of antinomianism, but a reasoned, purposeful kind. Even though those heretics walked in darkness, they insisted that they neither committed sin nor possessed a sinful nature."

JOHN 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

