

7 PM MONDAY NIGHT & 7 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS:

WE BEGIN CHAPTER TWO OF THE EPISTLE OF FIRST JOHN THIS COMING WEEK!

BELOW ARE NOTES FOR THE STUDY OF CHAPTER 2

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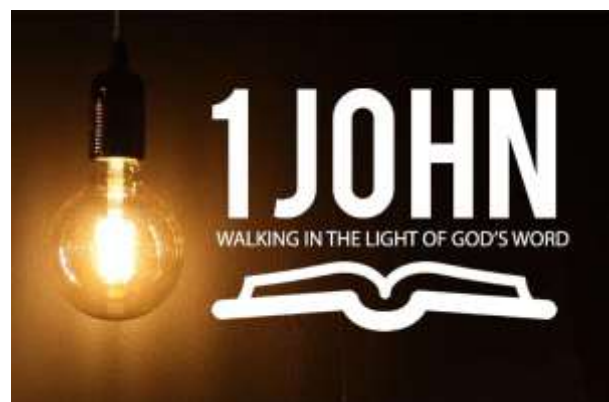
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THE EPISTLE OF 1 JOHN

- FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
- First John has been called the “Holy of Holies” of the New Testament. It takes the believer, the child of God, across the threshold into the fellowship of our Father’s house!
- Most people understand that the important things in life are not



things at all we have. God has put a desire for relationship in every one of us, a desire He intended to be met with relationships with other people, but most of all, to be met by a relationship with Him.

- In this remarkable letter, John tells us the truth about relationships - and shows us how to have relationships that are real, for both now and eternity. The purpose of the Epistle is to bring you into relationship with God.
- It is the “family” epistle! It’s not addressed to any person, city or church. Paul’s epistles are written primarily to churches, but this is a family epistle and should be handled that way. The church is a body of believers in the position where we are blessed, having been given that position when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Believing on Christ brings us into the family of God.
- In the family we have a relationship which can be broken by sin, but it is restored when “we confess our sins.” Then “*He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” (1 John 1:9)
- It is believed to have been written around 90 A.D. John was the last living apostle, the only one who wasn't martyred for Christ. He was an eye-witness!
- The heresy of Gnosticism was gaining a foothold in the Church when John wrote this letter. The Gnostics believed that all material was evil and therefore that Jesus was not in a living body like ours. They believed that Jesus was a phantom when He lived on the Earth and didn't have a body of flesh.
- John sought to correct the heresy by emphasizing the deity of Jesus Christ in his writings as one who was with Jesus, walking with Him and observing Him during His public ministry. We will see this testimony of the living Christ in this epistle.
- **Four verses in which state John’s purpose in writing this epistle can be summarized:**
 - **1 John 1:4 – (J-joy) That your joy may be full!**
 - **1 John 2:1 – (A-advocate) That you sin not!**
 - **1 John 2:26 – (D-deception) That you be not deceived-prevent heresy!**
 - **1 John 5:13 – (E-eternal life) That you may know that you have eternal life!**
- Phrases and Words frequently used in 1 John: *he who* – 30x; *we know* – 16x; *if we* – 10x; *by this we know* – 8x; *if we say* – 3x
- Words: *God* - 57x; *know (known)* – 37x; *love* – 36x; *Son of God* – 23x; *if* – 21x; *sin* – 21x; *commandment* – 14x; *life* – 13x; *have written* – 13 x; *Jesus* – 11x; *believe* – 10x; *Holy Spirit* – 7x; *light* – 5x.

STUDY OF THE EPISTLE OF FIRST JOHN: OBJECTIVES:

- To come into a closer relationship, closer fellowship, with God the Father, God, the Son our Lord Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit through the study of His word.
- To know God through a greater understanding of His word.
- To know His word and how to find out what we need from it, when we need it and to understand what His will for us is in every situation!

O Praise The Name (Anástasis -Resurrection) Hillsong

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone Messiah still and all alone

(Refrain) O praise the name of the Lord our God O praise His name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

And then on the third at break of dawn The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King
(Refrain)

He shall return in robes of white The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face
(Refrain)
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God, Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

1 JOHN 2: ABIDING IN CHRIST

Chapter 2 is continuing from chapter 1 – Let us review Chapter 1

The Word of Life

1Jn 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—

1Jn 1:2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

1Jn 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1Jn 1:4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

Walking in the Light

1Jn 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Christ Our Advocate *Read vs. 1-2*

1Jn 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate (One who will speak up and stands up for you) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

- John's second reason for writing this letter is that we may not sin. Ideally, God requires perfection from us (*Matthew 5:48*) *Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect*, but our perfection is through our belief in Christ. (*John 6:28-29*) *Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" [29] Jesus answered and*

said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." The strength and life of the Spirit in us conforms us to the image of Christ.

- **Our Advocate, Jesus Christ, intercedes with God for us when we sin.** Jesus acts as our attorney and defends us (**Hebrews 7:25**) *Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (Rom 8:34) Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. (Heb 9:24) For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.*
- When Satan brings accusations against us. (**Revelation 12:10**) *Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.*
- When Satan accuses us, we tend to draw away from God because of a sense of shame and unworthiness. When the Holy Spirit convicts us, we're drawn to God to make things right with Him.

1Jn 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only (Rom 3:25) whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, but also for the whole world. (Joh 1:29) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

- **Propitiation** – Atonement; Satisfying God's Holy Law; God's righteousness through a sacrifice to reconcile us back to God!
- Jesus is the One who, as our substitute, paid the price for our freedom from sin!

The Test of Knowing Him *Read vs. 3-6; 9-11*

1Jn 2:3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. (Joh 14:21) He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (Rom 2:13) (for not the

hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; (Jas 1:22) **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

- The word "know" here in the Greek (*ginosko*) means to know by **experience**. If we know God by experience, we'll keep His commandments.
- There is another "know" in the Greek (*eido, (oida),*) which means to know **by fact, intuitively; that divine intuitive knowledge that comes to us from the Holy Spirit.**

1Jn 2:4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (Rom 3:4) Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND MAY OVERCOME WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED."

1Jn 2:5 But (in contrast) **whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected** (has been completed) **in him. (Joh 14:21, 23) He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." [23] Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (1 Jn 4:18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. By this we know that we are in Him. (1Jn 4:12) No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.**

1Jn 2:6 He who says he abides in Him (Joh 15:4) Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (1Pe 2:21) For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

- We know that we're in Christ, because God's love is being perfected in us as we abide in Him.

The New Commandment *Read vs. 7-8*

1Jn 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment (not something new) **to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. (1Jn 3:11, 23) For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one**

another, [23] *And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.*

The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. (1Jn 4:21) And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

1Jn 2:8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, Jesus said, (Joh 13:34) A new (fresher)_commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (Joh 15:12) This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

because the darkness is passing away, (Rom 13:12) The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

and the true light is already shining. (Joh 1:9) That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. (Joh 8:12) Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (Joh 12:35) Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

1Jn 2:9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. (1Co 13:2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1Jn 2:10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, (1Jn 3:14) We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

and there is no cause for stumbling in him. (2Pe 1:10) Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

1Jn 2:11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness (1Jn 2:9) He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. (1Jn 3:15) Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. (1Jn 4:20) If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. (Joh 12:35) Then Jesus said to them, "A little while

longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

- We need to be honest with God and confess our feelings of hatred for another person, so that God can replace our hatred with His love.
- Note the connection between hatred and darkness, contrasted the connection of love and light!

Their Spiritual State *Read vs. 12-14*

1Jn 2:12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. (1Co 6:11) And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1Jn 2:13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have (Joh 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. known the Father. (Rom 8:15-17) For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." [16] The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

1Jn 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. (Eph 6:10) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

- "Fathers" are those who have been in the faith a long time. "Young men" are those who are strong in the faith through the Word of God. The Word of God is our strongest defense against sin and temptation. (***Psalm 119:11***) *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Jesus answered the temptations of Satan with the Word of God. Satan is still tempting us with, "you don't have to do God's way"! Take my shortcut in instant gratification! (***Matthew 4:1-10***) Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. [2] And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. [3] Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If (since) You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." [4] But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY*

WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.' " [5] Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, [6] and said to Him, "If (since) You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER YOU,' and, IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU DASH YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.' " [7] Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'YOU SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD.' " [8] Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [9] And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." [10] Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.' "

- We need a daily cleansing in the Word, so we'll have the strength and power to refrain from sin. (*John 15:3*) *You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*
- *God's word in our hearts is the greatest defense that we can have against sin. (Psa 119: 9) How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

SUMMARY- Benefits/Application:

Christ Our Advocate - vs. 1-2 John writes another purpose for writing. **So that you may not sin! Rejoice that we have an Advocate with the Father, always pleading for us!** Jesus Christ, our Advocate is Himself the propitiation for our sins and for the whole world! Remember this supernatural awesome price that has been paid by Jesus for all your past, present and future sin. **Share the good news of the gospel** with all the Lord puts in your path! **Pray for the lost, every unbeliever** that is put on your heart!

Test of knowing Him - v. 5 **Keepers of His word are perfected in His love. If we truly keep His word His love is perfected in us! Jer. 29:11! Good self-examination questions – am I doer of the word or a hearer only?**
vs. 7-8 **Two great commandments from Old Testament; a new, or fresher “love one another as I have loved you”! Now to be kept out of a love, not a legal relationship.**

v. 10 **He who loves has light. If we keep His new commandment to love one another, we abide in the light and do not stumble!**

Their Spiritual State - vs. 13-14 Writing to all believers – Little children, young men and fathers. Sins forgiven; have overcome the wicked one – everyone is serving either Satan or God; have known Him from the beginning.

Suggestions for the Coming Week:

To Maximize Your growth by the study of His Word and drawing yourself closer to Him.

Be a Berean! *Act 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*

- **Read the entire Epistle of 1 John each day** (takes 15 min to read the 105 verses in the 5 chapters)
- **Study the use of the words “know” and “known”, which are used 37 times, in 30 verses of this epistle.** The words mean slightly two different things. – *ginosko* (by experience) or *eido* (*oida*) (intuitively by the Holy Spirit) Mark these words and decide which is the correct usage
Example: In 1Jn 2:29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. “know” is used twice. One “know” is *gnosko*, to know by experience and the other is *eido*, (*oida*), to know intuitively by the Holy Spirit. Which is which?

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