

1 John 1-2 Core Ministry Notes

Background

The Author is John the apostle, one of Jesus' 12 disciples.

He also wrote the Gospel of John and The Book of Revelation.

"Sons of Thunder" Mark 3:17

First John was written to give believers confidence in their faith and counter false teaching.

3 Major Areas of false teaching

1. False teachers were claiming that we can have fellowship with God and still walk in darkness
John 1:6-7
2. False teachers were denying the reality of sin or that we have a nature tendency towards sin.
1:8
3. False teachers were denying that Jesus was the Messiah, God in the flesh. 2:22, 4:1-3, John 8:58

Eternal Life

1 John 1:1-4, 1 John 5:13, John 10:28-29, Romans 8:38-39, Palms 51:12-13

Light/Darkness

1 John 1:5-7

Darkness is the absence of light

Darkness represents a separation from God. Proverbs 4:18-19

Light represents what is good, pure, true, reliable, holy

Darkness represents what error, sinful, evil.

God is light means that He is holy, without sin, pure, good

Atoning Sacrifice

1 John 2:2

Unlimited Atonement: Jesus died for everyone

Limited Atonement: Jesus died only for the elect or believers

Do Not Love the World

1 John 2:15-17

Lust of the Flesh preoccupation with gratifying physical desires (Food, Drink, Sex, Pleasure)

Lust of the Eyes craving and accumulation of things, bowing to the god of materialism, covetousness

Pride to life: obsession with ones status or importance, pride

Genesis 3:1-6, Matthew 4:1-11

1 John 2:18- 19, Last Hour, Sin will increase during this time, 2 Timothy 3

Righteousness

1 John 2:29

If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

In other words if a person is born again he will practice righteousness.

The biblical expectation is when people are born again their lives are transformed.

One the most compelling witness we have in our assemblies is testimony of people's lives that have been changed by Jesus Christ. How has becoming a Christian changed your life?

Core Singles Fellowship

1 John 1-2 Questions

1. 1 John 1:5-9

Light represents what is good, pure, holy, and reliable. Darkness represents what is sinful and evil.

- What does V6 tell us about a person who claims to have fellowship with Jesus yet walks in darkness?
- How can we walk in the light?

2. 1 John 1:9

- What does the 1 John 1:9 tell us God promises to do if we confess our sins.
- What does **1 John 3:19-22** tell us about how sin affects our confidence/doubt in God's word?

3. 1 John 2:3-5 Use the following verses to answer the questions

- How do we know we have come to know Christ (1 John 2:3)?
- What is a person who claims to be a Christian but does not do what Christ commands? (1 John 2:4)?

4. 1 John 2:9-14

V9 States that anyone who claims to be in the light (a Christian) but hates his brother is still in the darkness. How are you doing in this area? Is there someone you still hate and hold a grudge against? What must you do so that you can live fully in the light?

5. 1 John 2:12-14:

John discusses 3 types of believers:

"Children" who represent new Christians

"Fathers" who represent mature Christians

"Young men" who represent Christians who have struggled with Satan's temptations and won

Which of these three groups of people (children, fathers, young men) do you most related to and why?

6. **1 John 2:16** discusses 3 categories of temptation The lust of the flesh (Sex), The lust of the eyes(Salary), and the Pride of life (Status). What area are you currently being tempted in (Sex, Salary, Status)? How do you plan on being like Jesus and not succumbing to sin like Adam and Eve?

7. 1 John 2:18-29

When John uses the words "last hour" he means the time between Jesus first and second coming. John is also warning us about Antichrists (false teachers) who will be present during this time.

- What does V18-19 tell us these false teachers will do?
- How will we recognize these false teacher's (Matthew 7:15-20?)
- What does V26 tell us these antichrists (false teachers) are trying to do to us?
- We are commanded in V28 to "continue in him". How is that going for you? In what area of your life are you more "Worldly" then "Godly" and what steps do you plan on taking to get back on track