

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."
John 1:7



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session three

Welcome



Thank you for joining me for session three of our study on 1, 2, & 3 John. This week we will be all over chapter 2 of 1 John. Building on what we have learned the last two weeks we find the apostle putting the audience to the test.

I don't know how you respond to tests, but I always have the internal pressure of wanting to get it right. That is the beautiful thing about God's word is that it is the tool that keeps us from stumbling and provides the right answers for us as long as we put it into practice.

I encourage you to continue with your independent work this week as we look at these tests and examine our own lives to see where and how we are reflecting the light of Christ. As always, If you have any questions regarding the study, please feel free to reach out to me via email at cjamison@eastridgetoday.com

Blessings,

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Teaching Notes

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1 John 2:1-29

Chapter 2 continues John's focus on fellowship with God, through five major points.

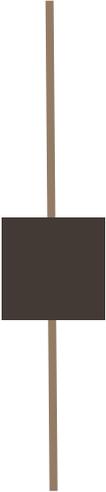
- First, fellowship includes following Christ as our advocate (1 John 2:1-6).
- Second, believers are commanded to love one another (1 John 2:7-14).
- Third, believers should not love the world (1 John 2:15-17).
- Fourth, John calls his time the "last hour" (2:18). Believers are warned against teachings of "antichrists," or false teachers (2:18-27).
- Fifth, believers are called to remember their position as children of God (1 John 2:28-29).

Study Skill Application:

When you are looking for a truth in a passage to apply to yourself, consider the following five questions:

1. Is there a SIN for me to avoid?
2. Is there a PROMISE for me to trust?
3. Is there an EXAMPLE for me to follow?
4. Is there a COMMAND for me to obey?
5. How can this passage increase my KNOWLEDGE of the lord (not just knowledge about Him)?

You can recall these five questions by remembering the acronym SPECK, Sin, Promise, Example, Command, Knowledge



Group Discussion

- Advocate: Comes from the Greek word *parakletos*. It means to come alongside to help, counsel, or protect. Based on 1 John 2:1, share a time when you had an advocate come to your aid. What did they do on your behalf, and how did you feel in response to their aid?
- Again we see the stark contrast of light and dark, and it is written within the concept of loving one another. Read 1 John 1:9-11, then compare that with the gospel of John 11:9-10.....What does Jesus say about avoiding stumbling?
- No need to comment on this, but good to ponder.....Is there any past or current hatred or unforgiveness that is blinding you? If so, then confess it, forgive, and be forgiven as well.
- What basic experience of the Christian life can even someone young in their faith be certain of? Read 1 John 2:12-13
- What is the supernatural difference between loving the world and loving the Father? 1 John 2:17
- John highlights two things that protect us from being persuaded by anyone who is trying to lead us astray. Read 1 John 2:20-24 and discuss the two ways that God equips and protects us.

Personal Study 1 John 2:1-29

1. List the four ethical tests of fellowship with God (or four aspects of one test) 1:5-2:11

1:5-7 Fellowship with God requires _____

1:8-2:2 Fellowship requires _____

2:3-6 Knowing and being “in” God requires _____

2:7-11 Knowing God requires _____

2. What difference does it make to you that you have an advocate with the Father?
(1 John 2:1)

3. What does John say about righteousness and unrighteousness in 1 John 1:9 and 1 John 2:1?

4. Explain in your own words what Christ has done and is doing for you:
(Read 1 John 1:7, 2:1-2)



Personal Study 1 John 2:1-29

5. Why does obedience make the love for God perfect (complete, fulfilled) in a person?
Read 1 John 2:5

6. How does John define obedience to God in 1 John 2:6?

7. What are three worldly things that John warns us of in 1 John 2:16?

8. How can we recognize a false teacher, someone influenced by the spirit of anti-christ?
Read 1 John 2:19, 2:22-23

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Personal Study 1 John 1:5-10

9. John uses the word "remain" (or abide, continue) five times in 1 John 2:19-27; what does he say about remaining?

10. John says that if our anointing and what we have heard *remain in us, then we will remain in the Son and in the Father* (1 John 2:24). Why is it so important to remain in them? For further scripture thought here, look at the following: John 15:1-8, Romans 6:3-10, 1 John 2:28

11. Read 1 John 2:26, 1 John 4:1, and 2 John 7: Notice the danger these individuals posed. How does the fact that these antichrists who were at once a part of John's community make the division and false claims all the more difficult to handle?

12. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-7. Verse 7 describes a curious combination:

The people were always_____

But they never acknowledged the _____