

1 John - Week 1: God is Good All The Time

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Text: 1 John 1:1-2:2

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I. Introduction

- A. Why did you come to church this morning?
- B. Introducing John
 - 1. A disciple of Jesus
 - 2. Lived to around 100 AD
 - 3. Was the lone survivor for 30 years
- C. Introducing 1 John
 - 1. Written around 90AD
 - 2. In Ephesus (modern day Turkey)
 - 3. To churches in Asia Minor

II. 1 John - God is Good All the Time (1 John 1:1-2:2)

- A. "The Word of Life"
 - 1. We know what God is like.
 - 2. He has made himself known through Jesus.
- B. "The life appeared"
 - 1. Ancient Jews believed history was divided into the present age and the future age.
 - 2. The future age has broken into the present.
 - 3. I have seen the future and it is good.
- C. "To make our joy complete"
 - 1. John is writing so that his readers can have fellowship with God and other Christians.
 - 2. Nothing would make him happier.
- D. "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all"
 - 1. Do you believe that?
 - 2. Never believe anything bad about God.
- E. God wants to be with us.
 - 1. This is the story of the bible.
 - 2. Often misunderstood.
 - 3. Who moved?
- F. "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves"
 - 1. Old fashioned idea.
 - 2. The original sin was to try to redefine good and evil as we choose.
- G. We cannot have fellowship with God and walk in darkness.
 - 1. God and sin do not go together.
 - 2. Isaiah 6:5 and Luke 5:8

- H. "I write this to you so that you will not sin"
 - 1. This is God's goal for us.
- I. "We have an advocate"
 - 1. God had a plan for sin.
 - 2. Jesus got it right.
 - 3. "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins"
 - 4. For us and for the world.

III. Application

- A. One Question
 - 1. "Purify us from all unrighteousness"
 - 2. Do you want to be without sin?,
- B. One Practice
 - 1. Confess your sins.
 - 2. Be as specific as you can.
 - 3. James 5:16 - Tell a trusted friend.
 - 4. Write them down.
 - 5. You will grow.