

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.

LIFEGroup Questions:

1. Why do you attend church on Sunday morning? What are you hoping for?
2. In 1 John, John is proclaiming what he has seen and heard about Jesus. If someone asked you what you have seen and heard about Jesus, what would you say?
3. When, if ever, has it been hard for you to believe that God is good?
4. What is one sin that you would love to be rid of from your life?
5. Take a few minutes for each person to briefly write a list confessing specific sins. After that, take a minute to confess (not outloud, but at the same time) to God in prayer. Ask for and receive His forgiveness!