

1st, 2nd & 3rd John

#1, God is Light, I Jn 1:1-10

In the gospel according to John, the apostle began with the description, John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, **He went on to write**, the Word was God. **Then in v:14 we read**, And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, **Here (v:14) the “Word” was Jesus Christ!**

John, in our study of Jn 1-3, began again by writing, I John 1:1, What was from the beginning,

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life -

2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us -

3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

[1.] v:1-3, “we & our” , To whom are these pronouns referring?

[2.] v:1, We know that God is Spirit yet John said he heard, saw, handled etc. To what was he referring?

[3.] v:2, manifested, John wrote an intimate interaction with that which was manifested. Why do you suppose the Holy Spirit wanted this witness clearly verified to the world?

[4.] v:2 again, manifested, What are some synonyms for manifested?

[5.] v:3, fellowship, This verse describes a “fellowship triangle”. What are the three elements of the triangle?

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5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.
6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

[6.] v:2-3, eternal life, Eternal life initiated fellowship with the Father and who else?

[7.] v:2-3 again. eternal life, Under which covenant does one receive eternal life?

[8.] v:5, God is Light, We read in Eph 5:8 that the born again are referred to as children of light. Why is that?

[9.] v:5-6, darkness, John writes this in these verses. Write down what he is talking about.

[10.] v:5-6 again, darkness, How can we determine if we are walking in darkness?

[11.] v:5-6 again, darkness, Remember in our study of Acts, Paul used this term when he witnessed to Agrippa (Acts 26:18) regarding God's charge to him. What was he talking he talking about there?

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Using verses 6 thru 10, answer the following.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

v:6, *If we say* that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness,

result: we lie and do not practice the truth;

[12.] v:6, we lie, From this verse, what does one do to become a practicing liar?

[13.] v:6, What does v:5 say that makes this person's claim impossible?

7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light,

result: we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

[14.] v:7, as He Himself, What does this verse tell us about haphazard Christian living?

[15.] v:7 again, what two promises does this verse speak of?

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8 *If we say* that we have no sin,

result: we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

[16.] v:8, *If we say*, No body likes to admit that they have sin however, by not admitting it what are we doing to ourselves?

[17.]v:8, the truth is not in us, *If others might sense this about us*, what might they say?

9 *If we confess* our sins,

result: He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[18.] v:9, *If we confess* our sins, In America today, some churches will not use the word “sin” in their teaching. How can the listeners ever be saved?

[19.] v:9, *confess* Write down your definition of this command.

10 *If we say* that we have not sinned,

result: we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

[20.] v:10, *If we say* that we have not sinned, From this verse, why might the Lord not look too kindly on some one who makes this claim?

[21.] v:10, His word is not in us, Write down how you would know this about some one?

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