

Study 2

Read 1 John 2:1-10

I. The purpose of the book is to keep us from sinning (1-2)

Discussion Questions

- Why does John call his readers “my little children?”
- What is John’s purpose in writing the book?
- What does the word “Advocate” mean? In what way is Jesus our advocate?
- What does the word “propitiation” mean?
- So what did our Advocate do for us?

Application: Are you little in your own sight? As believers we need to always be moving forward and growing rather than thinking we have already arrived.

II. Practice what you preach (3-6)

Discussion Questions

- How can you tell if your relationship with God is real or fake?
- What do you see here about the relationship between the words that we say and our actions?
- What does it mean to be “in Him”? What does it mean to abide in Him?
- Are there any other Scriptures you know about abiding in Christ?
- What does it mean to walk as He walked?

- Why is the word “walk” used here?
- What does it convey?

Application: Are YOU keeping His Word. Or are you being a hypocrite. Am I being a hypocrite? Every one of us needs to ask ourselves that question. We are not a good Christian because we go to church, or talk the right talk. We must serve God from the inside out.

III. If we have the true light, we will love our brethren (7-11)

Discussion Questions

- Why does John call his readers “beloved”?
- What does this show about how he feels about them?
- Does John say what the commandment is that he is referring to?
- Based on the overall content of 1 John, what do you think it is?
- Is the commandment new or old (both)?
- In what way is it old? In what way is it new?
- How is the “darkness passing away” considering this was written more than 1900 years ago and the darkness still seems as strong as ever?
- What is the test mentioned for knowing if you are in the darkness or the light?
- Who is your brother?
- What can we see from these verses about the effects of living in the darkness?

IV. Our state in Christ (12-14)

Discussion Questions

- What is the spiritual condition of the people John is writing to?
- How about the little children? How about the young men? How about the father?
- How can we overcome the evil one?
- How should this knowledge effect how you live?

Application: No matter where you are in your Christian life, do not be satisfied with it. Do not become complacent and think that you know enough or are good enough already. There are always improvements we can make.