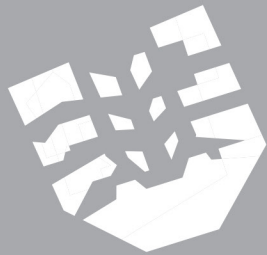


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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY





LESSON 1: 1 JOHN 1

¹ That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard,
which we have seen with our eyes,
which we have looked at and our hands have touched
—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

² The life appeared;
we have seen it and testify to it,
and we proclaim to you the eternal life,
which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard,
so that you also may have fellowship with us.
And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

God is light;

in him there is no darkness at all.



⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness,

we lie and do not live out the truth.

⁷ But 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.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin,

we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins,

he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned,

we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.



What is John proclaiming? (look at the 3 times the word “proclaim” appears and note what he’s saying)

What is the message that John declares? (v 5)

What words are repeated throughout these verses? When anyone repeats words or phrases, they generally want you to pay attention to these ideas!

Where do people walk? What 2 options are in this text?

■ What does it mean to walk in darkness?



- What does it mean to walk in light?

When did John hear / see / look at / touch the Word of life? (The answer is not in the text, but what do you think John is referring to when he says this?)

Why does John state the truth about God in verse 5, and then follow up this truth by adding a bunch of scenarios starting with the word "if" in verses 6-10? What seems to be his concern? What does he want people to know?

How, according to this passage, can people be purified from sin, and unrighteousness?



How, according to this passage, can people have fellowship with God and with his Son Jesus Christ?

Pulling this all together, then...

What are the main ideas recorded in this chapter? How would you summarize each section?

■ 1 John 1:1-4

■ 1 John 1:5-9



2) LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD

Whole Bible Connections - Look up the following verses from other parts of scripture and note how they relate to 1 John 1. What do they affirm about what John is saying in this chapter?

■ John 1:1

■ John 1:14

■ Isaiah 2:5

■ Walking in Darkness & Walking in Light - Ephesians 5:1-16 (make a list of what each looks like)

- The Blood of Jesus - Hebrews 9:11-14
- The 'natural' state of Mankind - Genesis 6:5, Jeremiah 17:9-10
- God's Forgiveness of Sin - Psalm 32, Psalm 51
- The Solution to Sin - Romans 3:21-25

- My Hands - behaviours; deeds
- How should these main ideas influence and change my prayers?
- Adoration - What can I praise and thank God for?



■ Confession - What do I need to repent of?

■ Supplication - What will I ask God for?