Week One - I John 1

I John 1:7-8

"But if we walk in light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

The things I want to accomplish this week!

I Cor. 10:31

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – I John 1:7-8 Time spent in prayer

Read – 1 John 1:1-2

Examine:

1. Compare vs. 1 with John 1:1. What was from the beginning?

2. Who is the Word?

3. The Apostle John and those who were with him experienced Jesus (the Word) with what three senses?

4. If Jesus had not literally come in the flesh, as some false teachers of that day claimed, would it have been possible to experience Jesus with these three senses?

5. If Jesus had not literally come in the flesh, could He have literally died for our sins?

6. What was manifested?

* NOTE - The word for life has to do with eternal life. Jesus Christ is eternal life personified.

7. Read John 1:14. How was Jesus (the Word) manifested?

8. What did John and the other witnesses of Jesus show to others?

Apply: Those who personally knew Jesus during His earthly ministry bore witness of Him to others, who in turn witnessed to others, until one day someone told you about Jesus. How are you being a faithful witness of Jesus?

Who was the last person you told about Jesus?

Were you excited to spread this tremendous news?

How long has that been?

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Read - 1 John 1:3-4

Examine -

1. What has John declared to us?

2. What had John seen and heard (Look back at vs. 1-2)?

3. Why did John declare this to us?

4. With whom did John have fellowship?

5. What was John's purpose in writing?

6. In John 15:11, why had Jesus been speaking to His disciples?

7. How can our joy be full according to John 15?

Reality check – what makes you joyful (Happy)?

Apply: Joy is not dependent upon favorable circumstances. It is dependent upon fellowship with Christ. Fellowship with Christ comes from knowing Him as your Savior, and abiding in Him (i.e. spending time with Him every day, consistently obeying His commandments, and confessing sin). When did you receive Jesus as your Savior?

Do you spend time with Him every day, or just some days?

In what areas are you obedient to Christ?

In what areas are you disobedient?

What can you do to correct your disobedience?

According to John 15, if you make these corrections, will you have joy?

Is your cup empty, half full or full?

Is your happiness based on Christ?

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Read - 1 John 1:5

Examine -

1. What message did John hear from Jesus?

2. Jesus said that He is what in John 8:12?

Think about it - What does light do?

3. What did John do with the message that He received from Jesus?

4. According to this verse, God is what?

* Note "Light" is used to depict the holiness and purity of God.

5. What is not in God at all?

6. What does darkness represent?

7. According to Colossians 1:13, believers have been delivered from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and translated into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. Ephesians 5:11 tells us to have no fellowship with what?

9. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14. Are light and darkness compatible?

Apply: Every person comes into the world as a citizen of the kingdom of darkness. How do they get translated into the kingdom of light?

What kingdom do you act and talk like?

List five things that would distinguish you in each kingdom!

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Read - 1 John 1:6-8

Examine -

1. If you say that you are saved (fellowshipping with God) and act like the world, what does the Bible say about you?

2. Does a person then who denies his sin have God's Word in him?

3. Who is truth according to John 14:6?

4. Can a person then who denies his sin have Jesus in him?

5. What would you do if you were witnessing to someone, and he said he wanted to receive Christ, but he didn't think that he was a sinner?

6. What is one of the signs that we are walking in the light?

7. How is your fellowship with others and does this indicate that you are walking in the light?

8. What cleanseth us from sin?

Apply:

One of the key aspects of salvation is realizing that we are sinners and repenting of our sin (that is changing our mind about our sin). Did this happen in your salvation experience?

As a Christian, are there areas in your life that you are deceiving yourself by denying or failing to deal with sin?

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Read - 1 John 1: 9-10

Examine -

1. What responsibility do we have for our sins to be forgiven?

2. Define Confess -

3. Verse 9 describes God as what two things in regard to forgiving sins?

4. How can God, who is holy, be just in forgiving sins?

(BONUS: Find something in Romans that explains this)

5. When we confess our sins, from what does God cleanse us?

6. In verse 7, we saw that when we walk in the light Christ's blood cleanses us from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Compare verse 7 with verse 9: what is the relationship between walking in fellowship with God and confessing our sins?

8. If we say that we have not sinned what do we make God?

9. According to Titus 1:2, is it possible for God to lie?

10. Who then is lying if we say that we have not sinned?

11. If we say that we have not sinned, what is not in us?

Apply:

We cannot maintain fellowship with God if we do not deal with sin in our lives. Do you confess your sins as soon as you are aware of them?

Lying is a sin that many people justify or overlook. How often do you lie?

How do you deal with it when you do?

Do you quickly disregard the severity of it and cover it up?

A good way is to make yourself confess your lie to the Lord and also to the person to whom you lied. This is no fun and helps you watch your tongue in the future.

Do you know of any unconfessed sins in your life right now? If so, confess them now, turn from them, and start walking with God again.

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Read - 1 John 1

Examine - Review

1. Why is it so important that those who knew Jesus during His earthly ministry experienced Him with the senses mentioned in verse 1?

2. Why is it essential that Jesus literally came in the flesh?

3. Is someone saved who denies that Jesus literally came in the flesh?

4. Why did John write this epistle according to verses 3 and 4?

5. What is the message that John heard from Jesus?

6. Is it possible for a believer to harbor sin in his life and be in fellowship with God?

7. Is it possible for someone to be saved who denies that he is a sinner?

8. What must a believer do with his sins to maintain fellowship with God?

Apply:

What are two things seen in chapter one that you must do to stay in fellowship with God?

What will be the result if you walk in fellowship with God? (vs. 4)

**What you are full of will spill over on others!**

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Read - John 15 (This is a different passage and will lay some ground work for chapter two’s study)

Examine -

1. Who is the true vine?

2. What happens when a branch bears fruit?

3. How can we bear fruit?

* Note – fruit bearing rest on Abiding in Christ!!!!

4. According to verse 5, what can we do apart from God?

5. According to verse 7, what is one of the benefits of abiding?

6. How can we glorify the Father?

7. What is God’s commandment to us?

8. What is the greatest form of love?

9. How can we be God’s friend?

10. Why will the world hate and persecute us?

11. The comforter (Holy Spirit) is called a name here (vs. 26), what is it?

Note – Hudson Taylor – missionary to China’s interior - said that this passage was the key to victory in Christian living. He said that is was not about doing but about abiding.

Apply:

Are you doing or abiding?

How can you abide in Christ today? (Write out some specific things)

The Christian life is not a playground – it is a battlefield!

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