

Setting Things Straight

1 John 1:1-2:2

4 purposes of 1 John

- 1) to make our joy complete (1:4)
- 2) so that we will not sin (2:1)
- 3) to protect from false teachers (2:26)
- 4) assurance of eternal life (5:13)

I. The Truth about Christ (vs. 1-4)

A. The eternal pre-existence

John 1:1

B. The historical manifestation

John 1:14

He was audibly heard, He was physically seen, He was intently studied, (looked at), tangibly touched.

C. The authoritative proclamation

John 5:26

D. The communal fellowship

Acts 2:42-44

E. The completed joy (vs. 4)

Joy is the abiding sense of optimism and cheerfulness based on God.

Happiness in the temporary sense of optimism, cheerfulness based on circumstances.

John 15:11

II. The Truth about Sin (1:5-2:2)

A. The declaration (vs. 5)

“God is Light, in Him there is no darkness”

B. The false claims (vs. 6-2:2)

1. Denying that sin breaks our fellowship with God (vs. 6,7)

Result – we lie and do not live out the truth

Correction – (vs. 7) – walking in the light

3 results:

Fellowship with God

Fellowship with one another

Purifying from sin

2. Denying that sin exists in our nature (vs. 8-9)

Result: we deceive ourselves, truth not in us

Correction: (vs. 9)

if we confess our sins

He is faithful, just to forgive

Romans 3:26

purify us from unrighteousness

In forgiveness, God removes the *debt* of our sin. In purification, He removes the *stain* of our sin.

3. Denying that sin shows itself in our conduct

(vs. 10-2:2)

Result – we make God a liar. His Word is not in us

Correction – “so that you will not sin”

John’s purpose is to prevent sin, not condone sin.

3 provisions:

1) Advocate – (parakletos)

We do not have a judge, we have an advocate

2) Jesus Christ, the righteous one

3) Atoning sacrifice (propitiation)