

John's Letters: Lesson 3

Fellowship with God: Our Relationship with Light and Response to Sin

Lesson Text: 1 John 1:5-2:2

Weekly Text: 1, 2 and 3 John

Assignment: Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times and answer the questions to prepare for class discussion.

In Context:

1:1-4 Prologue: "The Word of Life"

1:5-2:2 Fellowship with God: Our Relationship with Light and Response to Sin

2:3-11 Relationship with God in Christ Tested by Behavior

Study Guide Questions

1. Thought Question: Spend time through the week meditating on the statement, "God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all." What is light? How are we to understand "light" as it relates to God's nature? It may be helpful to consider other passages where John uses "light" and "darkness" imagery (1 Jn. 2:7-11; Jn. 1:4-9; 3:19-21; 8:12; 9:1-5, 39-41; 11:8-10; 12:34-36, 44-50).
2. According to our lesson text, what is the basis for fellowship with God?
3. Define the following terms and explain their meaning in this context:
 - Confess/*homologeó* (G3670):
 - Advocate/*paraklétos* (G3875):
 - Propitiation/*hilasmos* (G2434):
4. "If we confess our sins" He will "forgive us our sins". Why can we be confident our sins will be forgiven? (Consider the entire lesson text, 1:5-2:2)
5. Provide your own title for this section, 1:5-2:2.