

1 John 1:1-4

The Welcome to 1 John

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1. The manifest _____ of Christ has the _____ to _____ (v. 1-2)

a. John's call

b. John's experience

First-hand witness to _____

One of the inner _____

_____ disciple recorded to be at the _____

With _____ to see the _____

Present to touch the _____

c. John's transformation #1

2. The _____ nature of life in _____ begins and ends with _____ (v. 3)

a. Our fellowship is with _____ and _____

b. So that we may have fellowship with _____

c. John's transformation #2

3. _____ to the _____ work of Christ results in _____ (v. 4)

a. Joy is found in _____

b. Joy is found in _____

c. John's transformation #3

DAY 1

Pray: Proverbs 18:10 says, “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous [woman] runs into it and is safe.” As you open this time in prayer, ask the Lord to help you to see the truth of who He is, and to see Him as the safe place He is. Thank Him for His power and protection in your life. Ask Him to bless this time with Him.

Memorize: 1 John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Please quote the verse several times; emphasizing a different word or phrase each time you say it.

Study: Please read 1 John 1:5-10

1. What 2 things does verse 5 tell us about God? _____

2. Let's take a closer look at "light." What do the following verses say about the light?
 - a. 2 Samuel 22:29 _____
 - b. Psalm 4:6 _____
 - c. Psalm 18:28 _____
 - d. Psalm 43:3 _____
 - e. Psalm 89:15 _____
 - f. Psalm 97:11 _____
 - g. Psalm 104:2 _____
 - h. Psalm 119:105 _____
 - i. Matthew 5:14-16 _____
 - j. John 3:18-20 _____

3. What do the following verses say about the darkness?

- a. Luke 1:79 _____
- b. John 1:3-5 _____
- c. John 11:10 _____
- d. Acts 26:18 _____
- e. John 3:19-21 _____
- f. Romans 13:12 _____
- g. 1 Thessalonians 5:5 _____
- h. Colossians 1:13 _____
- i. John 8:12 _____
- j. Ephesians 6:12 _____

4. What conclusions can you draw about God based on the scripture you just looked up?

5. Please close this time in prayer, confessing any area of darkness that you've been holding onto, and releasing it to the Lord. And thank Him that He cleanses you from ALL your sin.

DAY 2

Pray: Psalm 119:130 says, “The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.” Please pray expectantly, asking the Lord to impart wisdom to you as you study His word.

Memorize: Please fill in the blanks:

1 John 2:1 My little _____, I am writing these things to you ____ _____ you may not sin. But if _____ does sin, we have an _____ with the Father, _____ Christ the righteous.

Study: Please read 1 John 1:5-10.

1. What do you learn about things of darkness from the following passages?

a. Galatians 5:19-21 _____

b. Ephesians 4:25-31 _____

c. Colossians 3:5-9 _____

2. Looking over your list that you just made, how does it affect your understanding of God to know that none of those things describe Him? _____

3. Understanding that Jesus is called the Word of God (John 1:1, 14) and the light (John 1:9, 1 John 1:5), what are characteristics of the light from the following passages?

a. Galatians 5:22-24 _____

b. Ephesians 4:29-32 _____

c. Colossians 3:12-17 _____

4. Looking over your list from the previous passages, what conclusions can you draw about the character of God? _____

5. The Greek word for “walk” means, “to tread all around; to be occupied with.” Please describe how our walk is connected with
 - a. our fellowship with Christ. _____

 - b. our fellowship with other believers. _____

6. Please read verse 6. Why do you think it’s impossible to have fellowship with God and walk in darkness at the same time? _____

7. How does walking in the light expose sin? _____

8. From verse 7, what are the promises given to those who walk in the light? _____

9. Please close this time in prayer, thanking the Lord for His faithfulness and justness in forgiving you and cleansing you from all your sin.

DAY 3

Pray: In Ephesians 1:17, Paul prays “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.” Please open this time in prayer asking the Lord to give you that wisdom and revelation as you study His word.

Memorize: Please fill in the blanks:

1 John ____ : ____ My _____, I am writing these things to you ____ you may not _____. But if _____ does _____, we have an _____ with the Father, _____ Christ the _____.

Study: Please read 1 John 1:5-10

1. What do these verses tell us about our responsibility in finding forgiveness? Please use exact quotes or phrases from the verses for your answer. _____

2. Is there any sin in your life that you're afraid God can't cleanse?
 - a. What is it? _____
 - b. What does verse 7 say to combat the fear that God can't cleanse sin? _____

3. Why do we try to sugar coat or justify sin? _____

4. What is the hope that we have from verse 7 that can give us the courage to be honest about our sin? _____

5. This passage has 5 "if" statements in it. What are they?
 - a. Vs. 6 If we _____
_____...
 - b. Vs. 7 If we _____...
 - c. Vs. 8 If we _____...
 - d. Vs. 9 If we _____...
 - e. Vs. 10 If we _____...
6. Which of the 5 "if" statements are attached to hope and promise? _____

7. What is that promise? _____

8. From vs. 8 and 10 we see that God knows and expects that we will sin. Why, then, do we think that He is angry with us for our sin? _____

9. What do the following verses tell us about God's faithfulness to forgive us?
 - a. Psalm 103:10 _____
 - b. Psalm 103:12 _____
 - c. Ephesians 1:7 _____
10. What do the following verses tell us about God's justness to forgive us?
 - a. Isaiah 53:5-6 _____
 - b. Romans 3:23-24 _____
 - c. Romans 5:8-9 _____
11. The Greek word for "cleanse" from vs. 7 and 9 means, "removing all intermingling of filth." How can that offer hope to us when we feel stuck in our sin? _____

12. Please close in prayer, sharing with the Lord with the Lord what you learned about your sin and His forgiveness.

DAY 4

Pray: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 says, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.” As you open this time in prayer, please ask the Lord to help you to cooperate with Him completely as He sanctifies you completely, and thank Him for His faithfulness to work in your life.

Memorize: Please fill in the blanks:

1 _____ : _____ My _____, I am _____
 _____ to you _____ you _____ not _____. But if _____ does _____, _____
 _____ an _____ with the _____, _____ Christ the _____.

Study: Please read 1 John 2:1-6.

1. What is your natural tendency of belief about God’s view of your sin? _____

2. John said, “I am writing these things to you...” To what things is he referring? _____

3. What did John say was the reason for writing these things? _____

4. How would what he wrote in the previous verses motivate us not to sin? _____

5. What promise does John give to help calm our fears if we do sin? _____

6. The Greek word for “Advocate” in vs. 1 means, “Defender, consoler, helper, comforter.” What does this tell you about how God sees you when you sin? _____

7. Vs. 2 says that Jesus is the “propitiation” for our sin. The Greek word for propitiation means, “An atoning sacrifice, an offering to appease an offended party.” What does this tell you about the character of God? _____

8. Describe what Jesus went through to be our propitiation. (See Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, John 18-19.)

9. The book of Revelation is a prophetic letter written to explain what will happen in the end times. Revelation 12:10 says, “And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, ‘ Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.’” This is referring to Satan.
- a. What is Satan called? _____
 - b. What does he do day and night? _____
 - c. What does this prophetic verse say has happened to him? _____

 - d. Why has it happened? _____
10. Satan is called the Accuser. Jesus is called our Advocate. How can we keep from mixing up our understanding of God so that we don’t think of Jesus as our accuser? _____

11. Looking back at your answer to #1, how does your natural tendency of belief line up with God’s word in vs. 1-2? _____

12. Close today in prayer, thanking the Lord for His great sacrifice.

DAY 5

Pray: Jude 24-25 says, Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Memorize:

1. Please write out your memory verse. _____

2. What impact does this verse have in your life? _____

Study: Please read 1 John 1:5-2:6.

1. In vs. 3, the word “know” is used twice. A good understanding of it would be, “And by this we *realize* that we have come to *personally, intimately understand* Him...” Why would John say that keeping His commandments is evidence of truly knowing Him? _____

2. Why would disobedience to Him be evidence of not really (personally, intimately) knowing Him? _____

3. What does vs. 4 say about the person who claims to know God but doesn’t obey Him? _____

4. John uses the word, “keep” 3 times. When words are repeated multiple times, it’s usually because the writer is trying to make a point. Look at the context of the word “keep” for each time it’s used. What point do you think John is trying to make? _____

5. Looking back at vs. 1-2, we see that God not only knows that we sin, but He also is our Advocate and the payment for our sin. Vs. 5 says that His love is perfected in us when we keep His word. Please explain how both vs. 1-2 and vs. 5 are not contradicting each other. _____

6. According to vs. 5-6, how can we be sure that we are in Him? _____

7. What does it mean to abide in Him? _____

8. Please look up the following verses as examples of how Jesus walked and explain what He modeled to us:
- a. Philippians 2:1-11 _____
 - b. 1 Peter 2:21-23 _____
 - c. Ephesians 4:32 _____
9. Of the characteristics He modeled to us, in what areas do you struggle to “walk in the same way in which He walked?” _____

10. Looking back over 1 John 1:5-2:6, what are some specific ways that you can handle those areas of struggle? Please choose one area of struggle from #9 and apply the following verses to how you will handle it:
- a. 1:5-6 _____
 - b. 1:7 _____
 - c. 1:8, 10 _____
 - d. 1:9 _____
 - e. 2:1-2 _____
 - f. 2:3-6 _____
11. What attributes of God do you find from 1 John 1:5-2:6? _____

12. Please close in prayer, thanking the Lord for those attributes you listed in #11.