

# Apply The Word

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## THE LETTERS OF JOHN

### Message Info

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Christ Our Life

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1 John 1

**Theme:** Make Christ your all, as life depends on abiding in his light.

**Introduction:** The apostle John wrote a good portion of the New Testament, including the 3 epistles we're focusing on in this series. In 1 John, he begins by declaring and magnifying the glory of Christ and by showing that our life and light is found only in him. He is the light that produces life, and everyone who belongs to him will flee the darkness and walk in his light.

Here are 2 truths to help us grow in Christ:

#### 1. Our life is entirely within Jesus Christ (1-4)

The epistle begins without the typical introduction. John jumps right into the matter at hand.

He testifies to the apostolic witness to Christ: we have seen, touched, and beheld him. We are testifying to the truth.

John is inviting his readers into the fellowship that he has enjoyed with Christ.

He emphasizes three truths about Jesus in particular. He is: a) the eternal Son—he echoes John 1 on the uniqueness of Christ; b) a manifest Son—he has stepped into history, making God known; and c) he is life—he is the source of life itself.

#### 2. Our life thrives only within his light (5-10)

The center of all things is God, and he is holy—he is light.

True Christians look to, trust in, and love God. Our lives, then, must reflect his light.

Two implications: a) all is bright in his light—he is unapproachable in glory; b) all is clarified in his light—his truth puts everything into proper perspective. His light dispels all shadows, all darkness.

John offers 5 if/then statements that help us to evaluate our orientation to the light. We must recognize, confess, and repent of our sin and we will be forgiven.

If we do not, we are not walking in Christ's light.

Verse 9: if we confess our sins, God is faithful (he always does it) and just (he is right to do it) to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Questions:

1. Does your life demonstrate a pursuit of Christ's life and light? Or are you secretive and hiding in darkness?

2. How is Christ the source of your life?

3. How is the Lord calling you to trust him more so you can thrive *in him*?