

# FAMILY LIFE WITH CHRIST

## Survey of I John

### I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The uniqueness of this letter:
  - 1. Two different audiences:
  - 2. Two different themes:
- B. The author, when it is written, and from where:
- C. The difference between the Gospel of John and I John:
  - 1. Two different audiences:
  - 2. Two different themes:
- D. Facts to understand in understanding the book:
  - 1. John's heart for the church at Ephesus: *(Rev. 2:4)*
  - 2. The Ephesian's joy and excitement had worn off:
  - 3. The Ephesian believers no longer desired to be different:
  - 4. Church problems were no longer coming from the outside, but from the inside:
- E. Reasons for writing the lesson:
  - 1. To bring back the joy of being a believer: *1:4*
  - 2. To show the believer how to live victoriously: *2:1*
  - 3. To counteract deceptive heresy: *2:26*
  - 4. To clearly state the assurance of the believer rests in Christ alone: *5:10-13*

### II. WHAT ENJOYING CHRIST ON A DAILY BASIS WILL PRODUCE:

- A. A joyful life: *1:1-10*
  - 1. It really is possible: *1:4*
  - 2. It requires "walking in the light": *1:7*
- B. A clean life: *2:1-17*
  - 1. Christ's remedy for the sinning Christian: *2:1*
  - 2. How Christians fall into sin: *2:15-17*
    - a. "The lust of the flesh"
    - b. "The lust of the eyes"
    - c. "The pride of life"
- C. A discerning life: *2:18-4:6*
  - 1. Two kinds of anti-christs:
  - 2. The need for divine discernment: *4:1 (II Cor. 11:3, 14-15)*
- D. A confident life: *4:7-5:21*
  - 1. No burdensome commands: *5:3*
  - 2. Assurance of salvation: *5:13*
  - 3. Assurance of answered prayer: *5:14-15*
  - 4. The awareness of divine discipline: *5:16-17, 21*

**III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY FROM THE LIFE OF ELIJAH:  
(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)**

- A. Meaningful fellowship with the “family” must always begin with fellowship with Lord Jesus Christ. *(1 Jn. 1:1-3)*
  
- B. Playing “hide and seek” with the world will not only hurt me, but the rest of the “family”, as well.
  
- C. John’s message concludes with two vital truths that counter the “doubts” that continually attack each “family” member. *(1 Jn. 5:10-15)*