



Walking in The Light: Discovering Truths from 1-3 John 1st John Chapter 1 – Chad Chambers

I. 1 John is written to Christians with three primary purposes:

- a. Believe – here are reasons you can know (e.g., 1 John 5:13)
- b. Positive – here are characteristics that should be present in a Christian (e.g., 1 John 4:8)
- c. Negative – here are characteristics that should not be present in a Christian (e.g., 1 John 2:15)

A. Believe – Eyewitness (1 John 1:1-4)

- a. Heard –
- b. Seen –
- c. Touched –
- d. Experiencing leads to proclaiming
- e. Proclaiming leads to joy

B. Negative – (1 John 1:5-10)

- a. Walk in darkness – (e.g., 1 John 2:15-17, 3:4-10)
- b. Deny our own sins
 - i. Lack of Personal/Public Confession
 - ii. Lack of Humility
 - iii. Lack of Compassion
- c. Deny forgiveness
 - i. God's forgiveness (1 John 1:9)
 - ii. Our forgiveness
 - a. Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:12-15
 - b. Parable of the Unforgiving Servant – Matthew 18:21-35

Discussion Questions:

1. How have you experienced God's presence in your salvation and walk (heard, seen, touched)?
2. How do you experience joy when proclaiming what God has done for you?
3. Are there unconfessed sins in your life? If so, what needs to be personally confessed to God? If so, what needs to be publicly confessed to others?
4. In what ways do you or have questioned God's ability to forgive you or others?
5. Is there someone (or more than one) that you need to offer forgiveness? What is keeping you from being able to forgive?