

1 John 1:5-2:3 – Three Little Lies

1 John 3:16. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 1:5. This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

Sounds a lot like...

John 8:12. When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 3:19-21. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. (20) Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. (21) But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

1 John 1:6. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. (7) But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

The lie is **Hypocrisy**.

The truth is **Honesty**.

1 John 1:8. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **(9)** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

The lie is **Self Deception**.

Hebrews 5:12-14. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! (13) Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. (14) But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

The truth is **Self-Awareness**.

Matthew 6:12. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Romans 3:25-26. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received by faith... (26) He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

1 John 1:10. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word is not in us.

The lie is **Pride**.

1 John 2:1-2. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. (2) He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 Peter 3:18. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

Revelation 3:20. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

1 John 2:3. We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands.

The truth is **Humility**.

1 John 3:23. And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us.

Here's what I hope you do with this:

- 1. Make sure you're walking in the light.**
- 2. Make sure you have Fellowship.**