

1ST JOHN - THE WAYS OF THOSE WHO WALK IN THE LIGHT

Lesson 1

Introduction: *The Epistle of I John was written during a time (90 AD) when apostasy and heresy had fully integrated itself into the church. The overall purpose of the letter was to provide a test for the true spiritual condition of anyone, lost or saved, carnal or spiritual.*

I. THE TESTIMONY OF THOSE WHO WALKED WITH THE LIGHT - I John 1:1-2

A) Every walk begin with saving FAITH - II Cor. 4:3-6

1) Faith in the RECORD concerning the Son - I Jn. 5:9-13

2) Faith in the REDEMPTION provided by the Son - Jn. 3:16-19

II. THE TESTIMONY OF THOSE WHO WALK IN THE LIGHT - I John 1:3-7

A) The fruit of their faith is FORGIVENESS - Col. 1:12-14 / Acts 26:15-18

B) The fruit of their forgiveness is FELLOWSHIP - I John 1:3

1) Communion with the FATHER

a) Through our WORSHIP - words of praise and prayer

b) Through His WILL

2) Communion with the SON - John 15

a) Through His WORD

b) By our WILL

3) Communion with the SAINTS - a barometer of communion

C) The fruit of fellowship is FAITHFULNESS - I John. 1:5-7

1) Faithful to the CHARACTER of light - vs. 5

2) Faithful to the CONFESSION of light - vs. 6

3) Faithful to the COURSE of light - vs. 7