

Know That You KNOW GOD

(A Study Through 1 John)

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CONDITIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP

“Embrace Your Advocate” 1John 2:1-6

All other religions send ADVISORS to tell us what we must DO to be right with God.

Christianity sends an ADVOCATE to tell us what He has DONE to make us right with God.

How to Embrace Your Advocate?

- **Don't Sin.** v1a

Cheap Grace is marked by formalism and liberalism. These are people who don't understand the size of their sin debt and the magnitude of Christ's provision.

Costly Grace is marked by a heart experience base on the objective truth that if God was willing to go to the cross and endure such pain and absorb such a cost in order to save us then why wouldn't we want to live our lives for His glory.

- **If you do sin don't despair.** v1b

Advocate = it is a legal representative who is for you and whatever they achieve you achieve and whatever they lose you lose.

- **Apply the Gospel to yourself through repentance and faith.**

v2; Rom3:24-25; 2Cor7:10-11

Propitiation = means that God's wrath is turned away and we are restored to a place of favor and friendship with God.

- **Obey God,** it gives evidence you Know Him. vv3-4; 1Jn3:4

Why Should We Embrace Our Advocate? Because if you...

- **Keep His Word** you'll be perfected in His love.
v5; 1Jn4:18-19
- **Abide in Him** you'll become more like Him. v6; Eph3:16-19

Growing Notes

- 1) Why might it be hard for someone to admit their sin and failure (1John1:8-10)? When and why might someone need an advocate?
- 2) Read 1 John 2:1-6. What are your observations about this text? Why did John write this letter (v1a)? There's a fine line between using grace as an excuse for our sin and using grace as a cure for our sin. Explain. What is the difference between Cheap Grace and Costly Grace?
- 3) John is writing this so that we don't sin (v1a) but if we do sin why should we not despair (v1b)? What is the difference between an advocate and an advisor (see intro)? There's no need to despair over sin if we learn to apply the Gospel to ourselves in repentance and faith. Explain.
- 4) What does propitiation mean (v2)? What is the difference between Worldly sorrow and Godly sorrow (2Cor7:10-11)? What evidence does John give for knowing whether or not a person truly knows God (vv3-4)?
- 5) What are the two reasons we should embrace our Advocate (vv5, 6)? What does it mean that if we keep His Word we will be perfected in His love (v5)? Don't focus on being like Jesus but focus on being with Jesus and you'll become more like Him. Explain. Are you embracing your Advocate every day to win over sin? Make it your prayer.