

TRUE

the letter of 1st John



#2 True – Light [1 John 1:1 2:4]

true [trü] *adverb*

1: That which is in accordance with fact or reality

2: That which without deviation or variation

Truth Claim

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life. the life was made manifest and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

1 John 1:1-2(ESV) .

[“manifest” Greek= φανερώω “to make actual & visible”]

The Christian Faith Is Grounded & Rooted In Real HISTORY

To Be A Christian Requires A SUPERNATURAL Work Of God

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:4-5 (NLT)

Implication of These Truths

- FELLOWSHIP With God & Others

that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3

- Completeness of JOY

And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 1 John 1:4

The Christian Life As A Journey

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 1 John 1:5-6

The Enemy Of The Christian Life Is SIN

[“sin” Greek = ἀμαρτία Literally “to miss the mark” Specifically “to transgress God’s Law”]

Two Options

#1 We Can Try to HIDE Our Sin [Walk In Darkness]

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ...If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:8 & 10

*"The Beauty Of God's Forgiveness Is That It Is A Gift Given To The Undeserving."
~Constantine R. Campbell~*

#2 We Can CONFESS Our Sin [Walk In The Light]

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness¹ John 1:9

- Forgiveness Is What Allows Us To WALK In The Light, As God Is In The Light

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
1 John 2:1-2

"Before We Can Walk In The Light We Must Know Ourselves, Except Ourselves, And Yield Ourselves To God." ~Warren Wiersbe~

Life Group Discussion Questions

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Read 1 John 1-2:6

- How have your views on sin changed over the years?
- Why do you think the Bible's teaching on sin is so offensive to so many people?
- Do you think that "practiced sin" in the life of a Christian is worse than "practiced sin" in the life of an unbeliever? Why? Why not?
- Why do you think we as Christians try to hide our sin?
- Why is honesty with ourselves, others and God so important in the Christian life?
- Why is confession such an important ongoing practice of the Christian life?
- What encouragement does it give you knowing that Jesus is our Advocate?
- What does it mean for you to "walk in the light"? Give practical examples.
- James exhorts us not only to confess our sin to God but to confess our sin to "one another"(see James 5:16). Why do you think this is necessary? Why do you think this can be so hard?
- This week make a point to confess your sin to a trusted brother or sister in Christ.
- Pray with and for one another

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