

1 John

light

—— *life* ——

love

In the second chapter of 1 John's letter, he writes about the advocacy of Christ for our sinful tendencies, but also speaks strongly on the requirement for us to love our brothers and sisters. Without this love, John says, we are walking in darkness without God.

Read 1 John 2:1-11 together.

1. What does it mean for Jesus to be not just the atoning sacrifice for *our* sins, but for the whole world's?
2. What practices and postures can we take to live as Jesus did? How does living *in* Jesus make living *as* Jesus easier?
3. Patrick spoke about the way that Christ transformed the attitude of John, who went from being a "son of thunder" to the "disciple of love." What similar transformations have you personally experienced or hope to experience?