

1 John 1–2: The Apostle John’s Testimony and Fellowship to Uplift & Strengthen the Churches

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Time: Thursday: 7–8pm (Eastern); September 24–November 19

Class Size: No limit

Course Description:

The letters of Apostle John to the Churches were probably his last written communication. This nine-week course will look at key principles in the first two chapters of his first letter. John opens his letter by revealing: the Word of life, the Apostles’ experience of that life, fellowship with the Father and the Son, and the resultant fullness of joy. He goes on from there to write about two expressions of this fellowship — walking in light and loving the Father and those whom the Father has begotten. When we have both the vision and practical experience of walking in light and love, we will uplift and strengthen the brothers and sisters we have fellowship with.

Class Structure:

Each week:

1. Before the class, there will be verses from the Bible to read and 1–2 verses to memorize.
2. During the class, the teachers will both share from these verses and lead a discussion on how to apply these verses to our lives so we all can uplift and strengthen the church we have fellowship with.

Syllabus (week by week)

Weeks 1–2: John and his writings (1:1–4)

- Who is Christ—The Word of Life from the beginning
- The Apostle John’s testimony of the apostles’ experience
- The Apostle John’s desire to bring all the believers into his experience by fellowship
- The result of the fellowship—joy made complete

Weeks 3–5: Walking in light (1:5–2:6)

- God as Light (1:5–7)
- The Reality of Sin: Confession & Forgiveness (1:8–10)
- The Advocate: Christ’s Role for the Sinner (2:1–2)
- Knowing God: Obedience as Evidence (2:3–6)

Weeks 6–9: Loving the Father and those whom He has begotten (2:7–29)

- The Old & New Commandment: The Call to Love (2:7–11)
- Spiritual Growth Stages: Children, Fathers, & Young Men (2:12–14)
- The Peril of the World: Loving God vs. The World (2:15–17)
- The Antichrist & The Anointing: Staying Alert (2:18–23)
- Abiding in the Truth: The Promise of Eternal Life (2:24–29)