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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- BINGO & Potato Bar April 21, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's group Meeting April 22, 9 a.m.
- CPR CLASS April 29, TBD
- <u>Complete list of upcoming events at</u> <u>SonriseChurch.com/events.html</u>

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## Why John Is Writing

10 Reasons John Is Writing to Them

1 Jn 1:4, 1 Jn 2:1, 1 Jn 2:7, 1 Jn 2:8, 1 Jn 2:12, 1 Jn 2:13, 1 Jn 2:14, 1 Jn 2:21, 1 Jn 2:26, 1 Jn 5:13

- Discover overflowing \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 1 John 1.4
- Live A Life without \_\_\_\_\_
- I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. 1 John 2.1
- Staying on track \_\_\_\_\_\_
- I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive<sup>^</sup> you. 1 John 2.26
- Know the living God \_\_\_\_\_
- I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5.13

# <u>Gnosticism</u> Cerebral Religion

1. The Physical World (all matter) is \_\_\_\_\_ and must be rejected if you want to know God. The immaterial Spirit World is real, valuable, and lasting.^



- 2. God exists above the molecules of the physical world and can only be known through special
- acquired \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. The person grows closer to God through multilevels or layers of heaven reached by achieving higher \_\_\_\_\_\_ of knowledge.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ from God and not Sin is what Gnostics thought separates us.
- 5. To Gnostics, it was about \_\_\_\_\_, not

# Personal Contact

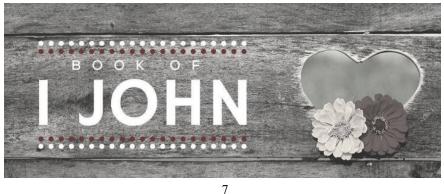
That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 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. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 1st John 1.1-4 ESV

# <u>1<sup>st</sup> John</u>

# WEEK ONE questions for further study.

- Monday
  - Gnostics relied on knowledge instead of grace for salvation. What do many modern people rely on instead of Grace?
  - 2. Using the sermon notes tell what ETERNAL LIFE means to you.
- Tuesday
  - 1. Read Genesis 1.1-31 How does this section of scripture refute the teachings of the Gnostics that said everything physical is evil?
  - 2. What does this say about the various things there are available to us in the world?
- Wednesday
  - 1. Read John 1.1-18 How does this section of scripture refute the teachings of the Gnostics?
  - 2. What is the key to understand Jesus, and who he is from this section of scripture?
- Thursday
  - 1. What was John's first reason for writing this letter? See 1 John 1.4
  - 2. How can this letter help this happen in the life of a believer?
- Friday
  - 1. How does John show us that Jesus was a living being?

Why should we believe what John is saying?





This study of 1st John will cover 8 weeks. Each week the message will come from that weeks section of the book. A series of study questions will be made available for those who want to dig deeper. As you do I want to recommend you use a tablet or notebook and set aside a time everyday to read the scripture section and any additional sections that are recommended. The questions are designed to be varied and to challenge you to think outside of the box.

#### Here is our schedule for the 8 weeks

Week One	April 16-22	1 John 1.1-4
Week Two	April 23-29	1 John 1.5-2.6
Week Three	April 30-May 6	1 John 2.7-17
Week Four	May 7-13	1 John 2.18-29
Week Five	May 14-20	1 John 3.1-4.6
Week Six	May 21-27	1 John 4.7-21
Week Seven	May 28–June 3	1 John 5.1-12
Week Eight	June 4-10	1 John 5.13-21

### The Beginning

- You start at the \_\_\_\_\_ if you want to show it was \_\_\_\_\_ by God and it was very
- John delivers a series of \_\_\_\_\_ examples of <u>JESUS</u> in the \_\_\_\_\_ world and how they related to Him personally.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS We did not imagine it.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ Him JESUS was not a phantom person.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ Him all the time We hung out with the living <u>JESUS</u>. (by the fire, on the boat, in the temple, walking down the road, etc.)
- We physically \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS with our HANDS.
- This all is "concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_\_." The physical world and the spiritual are one in JESUS.
- John does not discount \_\_\_\_\_, but he puts it in perspective with everything we



- 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
- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_. I saw Him and have told you all about Him and the miracles...

- Most people's \_\_\_\_\_ of ETERNAL LIFE misses the mark.^
- ETERNAL LIFE is a \_\_\_\_\_: ...the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. John 12.48-50
- <u>ETERNAL LIFE</u> is a \_\_\_\_\_\_: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **ETERNAL LIFE** is a \_\_\_\_\_: "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." John 17.3



# <u>Just So You Understand</u>

 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have

\_\_\_\_\_ with us; and indeed our

\_\_\_\_\_ is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

- What we have seen and heard: He keeps repeating the fact that \_\_\_\_\_ was a real physical being who lived, died, resurrected, and ascended to heaven.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in truth that unites us together as believers with the \_\_\_\_\_ Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

 "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth." Jer. 9.23-24



# Our personal evidence

- And we are writing these things so that our joy may be \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- This letter is intended to provide you with the information needed to decide to change your life and fill you with overflowing, everlasting, and complete \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## In 1st John, The REAL Living God

- is the God of \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Jn. 1.5
- is the God of \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Jn 4.8
- is the God of \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Jn 5.12