

# *Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies*

## I JOHN 1:5-10

### Lesson 3

#### REVIEW:

John begins this epistle by solidifying his authority to proclaim the truth about Jesus Christ. In what ways did this introduction whet your appetite to read the rest of the letter?

#### FIRST DAY:

Read and study I John 1:5-10 inductively. *See pages 5 and 6.*

#### SECOND DAY: Read I John 1:5

1. John declared in 1 John 1:4 that he was writing *that your joy may be full*. Now, in verse five he begins the message of this letter. He is careful not to proclaim his own theories. Whose message was he proclaiming?
  - a. We should use this criteria anytime we are listening to a sermon. What do you look for when you sit under someone's teaching in church?
2. Print the message from I John 1:5 that John heard from Jesus and declares unto the readers.
3. Remember, this is the message John received from Jesus. Remember, also, Jesus came to reveal God the Father. Record what Jesus communicated about the *light* from the following verses from the Gospel of John:
  - a. John 1:4
  - b. John 8:12
  - c. John 12:46

4. This truth about God is vitally important to our relationship with God. *A man's own character will be determined by the character of the god he worships.* How would a viewpoint that God tolerates and condones sin affect a person's lifestyle?

- a. How does knowing *God is light* inspire you to walk in the light?

*We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark.  
The real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.*

### THIRD DAY: Read I John 1:6,7

1. I John 1:6,7 contrast two different ways of living. What phrases does John use to describe those who do not have *fellowship* with God and those who do?

Those who *do not* have fellowship with God - walk in \_\_\_\_\_.

Those who *do* have fellowship with God - walk in the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. John brings out the fact that just because we say something or claim something does not necessarily mean it is fact. Many people *claim* to be Christians. Many people *say* they have fellowship with God. Our *walk* must match our *talk*. Explain the phrase *fellowship with God*.

- a. Why can't we be in fellowship with God *and* walk in darkness?

- b. *For though once your heart was full of darkness, now it is full of light from the Lord, and your behavior should show it!* Ephesians 5:8 TLB. How does this Scripture speak to you about the transformation that takes place when we are brought into fellowship with God?

3. Read Ephesians 2:1-3 and I Peter 2:9. Contrast what we were like before and after being saved.

- a. Describe your own personal *before and after* experience.

3. According to verse 7, what are two benefits of *walking in the light*?
4. Describe the *fellowship* of the believers in the early church as recorded in Acts 2:42.
  - a. How have you experienced your *fellowship* with other believers become sweeter as you have *walked in the light*?

*People are like stained glass windows.  
They sparkle and shine when the sun is out.  
But in the darkness, beauty is seen only if there is light within.*

#### **FOURTH DAY: Read I John 1:8,10**

1. As a believer, how do you deal with sin in your life? I John 1:8,10 deals with two additional barriers to *fellowship with God*. Identify these barriers.  
I John 1:8  
  
I John 1:10
2. To say *I have no sin* is to deny the sin nature. I John 1:8 exposes the root of sin rather than an act of sin. What are the consequences of denying our sin nature?
  - a. Carefully consider the phrase *we deceive ourselves*. Using synonyms, define the word *deceive*.
    - 1.) List some practical ways we *deceive ourselves* when we deny our sin?
3. We live in a culture where people, even Christians, do not acknowledge their ungodly behavior as sin. What does I John 1:10 say?
  - a. What is John's serious indictment of those saying *we have not sinned*?

4. Consider the audacity of those who say they have not sinned. By contradicting God's Word, John says *we make God a liar*. How does Isaiah 53:6 and Romans 3:23 correct their lie?
  - a. Isaiah 53:6
  - b. Romans 3:23
5. "Sin will keep you from the Word and the Word will keep you from sin". How have you found this to be true in your life?

#### **FIFTH DAY: Read I John 1:9**

1. I John 1:5-10 describes barriers to *fellowship with God*. Thank God, fellowship can be restored. What must we do to restore that fellowship?
  - a. Define the word *confess*.
2. *If we confess our sins*, what does God promise to do?
  - a. *Forgiveness* and *cleansing* of sin is based on God's character. Print in large, bold letters the two characteristics of the Lord seen in I John 1:9.
  - b. Using I John 1:9, tell how you would reassure someone who was struggling with accepting God's forgiveness.

#### **SIXTH DAY: Review I John 1:5-10**

1. Summarize I John 1:5-10.
2. Why do you think some people who claim to be Christians refuse to *walk in the light*?
3. Notice the word *all* in verses 7 and 9. The verb *cleanses* or *purifies* suggests that God does even more than forgive; He erases the stain of sin - *all sin*. How would you describe this *cleansing* that God does to a new believer?
4. How are you applying this lesson to your life?

*Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.*

## I John 1:5-10

### VERSE

### WHAT THE VERSE IS SAYING

- 5 This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.
- 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- 7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Who:

When:

What:

Where:

Why:

How:

What does this passage mean?

How does it apply to you personally?