

Authentic Christianity

A First Century Letter to 21st Century Christians

The apostle John is an older man when he writes the letter of 1 John. All of the other original 12 disciples are dead. For about 60 years, John witnessed the amazing growth of the church but also saw some of the defections, participated in discussions on issues that threatened to divide the church and taught against false teachings/teachers.

John is compelled by God to write this important letter. There is an urgent need to ensure the church remains true to the teachings of Jesus and his gospel. It is vital that all Christians in every generation clearly understand what is the heart/core of the Christian faith and grasp/comprehend the nature of the Christian gospel.

John distils for us in a series of black and white statements, the essence of the Christian Gospel: Jesus is the son of God; Jesus is the Christ/Messiah; Jesus is God come in the flesh; Jesus is the true God and eternal life; Jesus is the propitiation/atonement for our sins, and not only ours, but also for the sins of the whole world; God is love; God is light.

Then there are a series of black and white statements about our response to the Christian Gospel: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" [1 John 1:8]; "The man who says, 'I know Jesus,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him" [1 John 2:4]; "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" [1 John 2:15]; "He who does what is sinful is of the devil" [1 John 3:8]; "This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother" [1 John 3:10]; "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" [1 John 1:9].

You may personally benefit in at least three ways from these studies in 1 John.

ONE - Personal Self-Study

This is a series of self-studies on 1 John for individuals to do on their own

TWO - join a CGCC small group

A small group is where an individual will be part of a group, that can be fun and also offers additional benefits. CGCC small groups meet at different times, locations and days.

THREE - Messages on 1 John

Each Sunday morning come to church and listen, take notes as our teachers explain a part of 1 John.

It is our prayer that as we study God's Word together that we may become more authentic, genuine Christians who practice what we believe in every context of our lives.