

FIRST JOHN CHAPTER ONE
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The Christ

- A. The Son (The Living Word) (1-2)
 - 1. The Word of Life (1)
 - a. That which we have heard (1)
 - b. That which we have seen with our eyes (1)
 - c. That which we have looked upon (1)
 - d. That which our hands have handled (1)
 - 2. That Eternal Life (2)
 - a. That which was from the beginning (1)
 - b. That which was with the Father (2)
 - c. The life which was manifested (2)
 - d. The life which we have seen (2)
 - e. The life which was manifested unto us (2)
- B. The Scriptures (The Written Word) (3-5)
 - 1. The Message Declared: (Word Form) This then is the message (5)
 - a. That to which we bear witness (2)
 - b. That which we shew unto you (2)
 - c. That which we have seen (3)
 - d. That which we have heard (3)
 - e. That which we declare unto you (3)
 - f. That which we have heard of him (5)
 - g. That which we declare unto you (5)
 - h. That God is light (5)
 - i. That in God is no darkness at all (5)
 - 2. The Message Delivered: (Written Form) This then is the message (5)
 - a. The Printing of the Message: And these things write we unto you (4)
 - b. The Purpose of the Message:
 - 1. These things write we unto you, that your joy may be full (1:4)
 - 2. These things write I unto you, that ye sin not (2:1)
 - 3. I write unto you...because the darkness is past (2:8)
 - 4. I write unto you...because the true light now shineth (2:8)
 - 5. I write unto you...because your sins are forgiven you (2:12)
 - 6. I write unto you...because ye have known him that is from the beginning (2:13)
 - 7. I write unto you...because ye have overcome the wicked one (2:13)
 - 8. I write unto you...because ye have know the Father (2:13)
 - 9. I have written unto you...because ye have know him that is from the beginning (2:14)
 - 10. I have written unto you...because ye are strong (2:14)

11. I have written unto you...because the word of God abideth in you (2:14)
 12. I have written unto you...because ye have overcome the wicked one (2:14)
 13. I have written unto you...because ye know the truth (2:21)
 14. I have written unto you...because ye know that no lie is of the truth (2:21)
 15. I have written unto you concerning them that seduce you (2:26)
 16. I have written unto you...that ye may know that ye have eternal life (5:13)
 17. I have written unto you...that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God (5:13)
3. The Message Detailed (The Gospel)
- a. The Steps
 1. Hear (1, 3, 5)
 2. Believe (Mark 1:15)
 - a. John 8:24
 - b. Mark 16:16
 3. Confess (Matt. 16:15-16; Acts 8:37)
 - a. Matt. 10:32-33
 - b. Rom. 10:9-10
 4. Repent (Mark 1:15)
 - a. Luke 13:3-5
 - b. Acts 17:30
 5. Be Baptized (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16)
 - a. Acts 2:38
 - b. Acts 22:16
 - c. 1 Pet. 3:20-21
 - b. The Salvation (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21)
 1. Water and Blood (John 19:34)
 2. Matt. 26:28 and Acts 2:38
 3. Rev. 1:5 and Acts 22:16
 4. John 19:34 and Rom. 6:3-4
 5. Eph. 5:26 and Tit. 3:5

The Communion (3-7)

- A. The Message of Fellowship
 1. That ye also may have fellowship with us (3)
 2. That truly our fellowship is with the Father (3)
 3. That truly our fellowship is with his Son Jesus Christ (3)
 4. That we have fellowship with him (6)
 5. That we have fellowship one with another (7)
- B. The Means of Fellowship (Matt. 28:19-20)
 1. God's Law of Inclusion
 2. God's Law of Immersion

The Cleansing

- A. The Message of Forgiveness: God is light - in Him is no darkness at all (5)
 - 1. Spiritually
 - a. God is light
 - b. Satan is darkness
 - 2. Morally
 - a. Light is pure/good
 - b. Darkness is corrupt/evil
 - 3. Intellectually
 - a. Light is the truth
 - b. Darkness is a lie
 - 4. The Word is Light/Good/Truth
 - a. Psa. 119:105, 130
 - b. Heb. 6:5
 - c. John 17:17
 - d. Isa. 5:20
- C. The Means of Forgiveness: We attain and maintain communion and cleansing (fellowship and forgiveness) by means of the word/the light/the truth.
 - 1. Communion: But if we walk (\leftrightarrow) in the light, as he is in the light, we have (\leftrightarrow) fellowship one with another (7)
 - 2. Cleansing: But if we walk (\leftrightarrow) in the light, as he is in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth (\leftrightarrow) us from all unrighteousness (7)

The Conditions: Communion and Cleansing (Fellowship and Forgiveness) are Conditional

A. The Principle: We attain and maintain communion and cleansing (fellowship and forgiveness) by means of the word/the light/the truth

B. The Passages: If/Then

- a. If: we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk (\leftrightarrow) in darkness,
Then: we lie (\leftrightarrow) and do not the truth (6)
- 2. If: we walk (\leftrightarrow) in the light, as he is in the light,
Then: we have (\leftrightarrow) fellowship one with another,
Then: the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth (\leftrightarrow) us from all sin (7).
- 3. If we say that we have no sin,
Then: we deceive (\leftrightarrow) ourselves,
Then: the truth is not in us (8)
- 4. If: we confess (\leftrightarrow) our sins,
Then: he is faithful and just to forgive (\bullet) us *our* sins,
Then: he is faithful and just to cleanse (\bullet) us from all unrighteousness (9).
- 5. If we say that we have not sinned (\bullet)
Then: we make him a liar,
Then: his word is not in us (10)

C. The Plan

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2. Believe (Mark 1:15)
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D. The Plan

- a. Hear (1, 3, 5)
- b. Believe (Heb. 11:6)
- c. Repent (Luke 13:3-5; Acts 17:30; Acts 8; 22)
- d. Confess (1 John 1:9; Jam. 5:16)
- e. Pray (Acts 8:22; Jam. 5:16)