



GOD'S FELLOWSHIP – LIVE IN LIGHT (23)

START HERE:

1 John has two main sections. Each starts with, “This is the message.” (1:5 and 3:11)

The first section (1:5-3:10) declares that God is light and there is no darkness in him at all. The contrast of light and dark is then related to the contrast of truth and lies, obedience and sin, and eternal life and this world.

This book was originally written for people who believed Jesus was the Messiah and followed him faith-fully. It was written for God’s dear children.

Today, 2000 years later, anyone who believes Jesus is the Messiah and follows him faithfully can confidently say, “This book was written for me.”

**THOSE WHO SAY
THEY LIVE IN GOD
SHOULD LIVE THEIR LIVES
AS JESUS DID.**

(2:6)

READ THIS: 1 John 1:1-2:14

THINK ABOUT:

Copy verses 1:5-7 in a journal (or space below). What words and ideas did you notice while writing?

EXTRA THINGS

Verses 12-14 are like Hebrew poetry. Verse 14 restates verses 12-13.

Some Bible scholars think John was writing to people in three different stages of spiritual maturity:

- 1 **God's children or little children or dear children (newest believers)**
- 2 **young in faith or young men (growing believers)**
- 3 **mature or fathers (mature believers)**

Others think John was writing to people in just two different stages of spiritual maturity (young men and fathers) and that both those groups were included in “God’s children,” a phrase John often used to describe all followers of Christ.

John’s letter is for both men and women.

EXTRA VERSES

EXTRA STUFF

Listen to “Let Your Glory Shine” by Lincoln Brewster [HERE](#).

Listen to “In Your Pure Light” by Amean Brown [HERE](#).

Listen to “Light of the World” [HERE](#).

Talk about the contrast between light and dark, truth and lies, love and hate.

What do you learn about the following in these verses:

AM: Today, focus on living in the light of Jesus, and reflecting the light of Jesus.

PM: Today, how did you experience the light of Jesus?

Dear Lord, Thank you for rescuing your children from the the darkness of this world and welcoming us into the kingdom of light. Thank you for shining light and truth into the world and into our hearts. Please help us to reflect your light into the world around us. Amen.

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