

Text: 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 NAU (New American Standard, 1995 Version)



Saturday, 4/10 at 4:00 | Sunday, 4/11 at 9:00

Second Sunday of Easter – 2021

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: Wow! Think about what has happened...

- The world fell into sin, *so God promised the Savior!*
- Then the Son of God *took away the sin of the world!*
- Now, thru God's gift of faith, *we are saved thru Jesus!*

What a contrast: We sinned and were hell-bound, *but now we are forgiven and heaven-bound!* **That is GREAT for US!** **We have Easter joy! He is risen!...** But is our joy complete? **No!** *Something quite important is missing!* Today we are focusing on **1 John chapter 1** to discover *what is missing:*

1. **What Jesus' Apostles Experienced:** Learning and Experiencing: ¹ **What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life--** ² **and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal**

life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— // Did you notice the four key words in verse 1?

- a. **BEGINNING** – *when the Son was with the Father (Jn 1:1).*
- b. **HEARD** – *when their own ears heard His voice.*
- c. **SEEN** – *when their own eyes saw Him.*
- d. **TOUCHED** – *when their own hands touched Him.*

2. **Why Jesus' Apostles Proclaimed:** ³ **what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.** // The proclaiming is for a **purpose** – *to establish a relationship of FELLOWSHIP!* When people are in fellowship with each other, *they have something in common.* When people receive Jesus as Savior, they also have **God** as their Father and **all believers** as their brothers and sisters.

3. **What Completes Our Joy:** ⁴ **These things we write, so that our joy [our inner happiness] may be made complete.**

- a. Right now, *through Jesus*, we are forgiven and heaven-bound, **so we have joy!** But what completes our joy? When others, *especially others we know*, are brought into God's family through Jesus!
- b. When we kindly share God's truth; *then the Holy Spirit works to convert them!* And for all who have fallen away, *they need to be reconverted!*

4. **God Is Light:** ⁵ **This is the message we have heard from Him [Jesus] and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.** // "God is Light" means

that *God has NO sin; His words are always right; His actions are always good; and His intent is always pure!*

5. **Fellowship with God:** ⁶ If we **say** that we have fellowship with Him and yet **walk** in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. // What MATTERS is **what we DO**, not what we say!
- When we **ARE repentant** (*sorry for our sins and believing in Jesus*): ♣The precious blood of Jesus has washed us clean, ♣we practice (*do*) God's truth, and ♣we have fellowship with God and other believers!
 - When we **ARE NOT repentant**: ♣We are NOT washed clean, ♣we are NOT doing God's truth, and ♣we do NOT have fellowship with God and other believers!
6. **Our Sin – Deceived or Forgiven:** ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous 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.
- What is sin? **Doing what God says is wrong** are sins of **commission**. **Failing to do what God says is right** are sins of **omission** (*James 4:17*).
 - What does it mean to confess? **Admit** the sin, **be sorry** for the sin, and **trust in Jesus** for God's forgiveness.
 - What should encourage us to confess? God's promise to *forgive us and make us fully clean in His sight!*

7. **Attitude:** ^{2:1} **My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.** // What things? **God**—He is light (sinless)! **Believers**—😊they have been washed clean, 😊have fellowship with God, and 😊practice the truth. Therefore, *believers should be controlled by their new nature and willingly do God’s truth!*
8. **Comfort:** **And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.** // Okay, the plan is to NOT sin; however, *if we do sin*, there is good news: Jesus Himself – *who bore the sins and the eternal punishment of the whole world* – will go to the Father on our behalf😊!

Conclusion:

- **Truth** – Jesus IS the Promised Messiah!
- **Relevance** – We have Easter joy – He is risen!
- **Inspiration** – Let us make our joy complete by sharing God’s saving truth with others (*using the “[How Good Is Good Enough](#)” brochure – understanding our sin; good news for sinners; how God’s eternal blessings are received; and living as Christians!*)

Let Us Pray: Dear Jesus, please grant us a deep concern for one person; then move us to take loving action to go through the “How Good Is Good Enough?” brochure with that person!