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Tony Mauck · 1 John 1:5–2:6

INTRODUCTION

- These are the things that we know. We've seen, we've heard, we're witnesses to these things.
- They are spiritual elitists. First of all, they know more than you, and they're going to tell you how it is.

1 God Is Light

1 John 1:5–7

- God is light, he is the source of all that is pure and good and holy and right.
- If we say that we have fellowship with him and yet walk in darkness, he calls it what it is. It's a lie.
- 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.

2 If We Say That We Have No Sin

1 John 1:8–10

- If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- They believe that sin can no longer touch them. And the fact is it has and it will.
- Confess our sins. He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us.
- That's what all false doctrine ultimately does. It finds a palatable way to justify sin.

3 I Write These Things That You May Not Sin

1 John 2:1

- We sinned since we've become Christians, but you don't have to sin.
- No, we don't have to, but we all do.
- The gospel is designed to assist us in victory over sin. It is designed to make us more victorious than we were in the past.
- But if any man does sin, it's not all hopeless and lost.

4 What It Is to Walk in the Light

Ephesians 2:1; Romans 6; Hebrews 2:18

- Are we walking in the light? Whatever that phrase means, if we're doing it, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from our sins.
- God has not asked us to do anything that we are incapable of doing if we want to do it.
- Better than is not the standard. The standard is Jesus.

- Habitual pursuit of God's desires. It doesn't mean perfect, it doesn't mean unfailing, but his thinking and motives become mine.

5 Jesus Our Advocate and Propitiation

1 John 2:1–2; 2 Corinthians 6:1–2

- He's called alongside to plead our case. Like a character witness in a trial.
- The fact that he is our atoning sacrifice. He appeased the wrath and justice of God.
- He has provided the solution for every person, but they have to embrace it.
- If we're committing sin all the time, we're not walking in the light.

6 The Moral Test: We Walk As He Walked

1 John 2:3–6; Philippians 2:5; John 14:15

- So how do we know if we're walking in the light as we should? There's the moral test, there's the social test, there is the convictions test.
- We walk as he walked. He's our model, he's our pattern.
- Somebody that loves me is going to be submissive to my instruction.
- The one who says he abides in him ought himself to walk in the same manner as he walked.

THE CHALLENGE

This is how Jesus walked. This is how he related to other people. This is how we need to walk and relate to other people. It ought to be foremost in our study of the New Testament.

MY NOTES