

The **Good News** that John Wrote

***...that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God, and that believing you
may have life in his name.***

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

John 8.12

1 John 1.5-2.6

Walking in the Light
Part 1

Dates of Authorship

- 90 AD Gospel of John (Eerdman's Bible Dict.)
 - 95 AD (Oxford Bible Dict)
- 92 AD 1, 2, 3 John, or 10-20 years later (Eerdman's), no date given by Oxford
- 95 AD Revelation (Eerdman's and Oxford)

Councils

- 325 AD 1st Ecumenical Council in Nicea
 - Creed covering Christological part
- 381 AD 2nd Ecumenical Council in Nicea
 - Rest of the Creed
- 393 AD Council of Hippo Regius in North Africa
 - First council to record the accepted Books of the Biblical Canon
 - However, individual bishops listed them prior to this

John 8.1-2

Then everyone went home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early the next morning he went back to the Temple. All the people gathered around him, and he sat down and began to teach them.



John 8.12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,
“I am the light of the world; he who
follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”

1 John 1.1

That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard, which we have
seen with our eyes, which we have
looked upon and touched with our
hands, concerning the word of life —

1 John 1.2

the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us —

1 John 1.3-4

that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

1 John 1.5

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1.6

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth;

Evidence We Walk in Darkness

- 1. We deny we have sin and do not turn from it.**
- 2. We disobey God's commandments.**
- 3. We are not like Christ in our attitudes, words, and actions.**
- 4. We hate one or more people.**
- 5. We love possessions and the praise of others more than God.**
- 6. We have beliefs that are not Orthodox or we cut ourselves off from the Church.**

Evidence We Walk in the Light

- 1. We acknowledge our sin, confess it, and turn from it.**
- 2. We obey God's commandments.**
- 3. We are like Christ in our attitudes, words, and actions.**
- 4. We keep the commandment to love one another.**
- 5. We love God, not the world.**
- 6. We stay within the faith.**

1 John 1.7

but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1.8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.10

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2.1

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

1 John 2.2

and he is the expiation for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the
sins of the whole world.

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