

## **“Knowing We Know Jesus”**

**I John 2:3-6**

### **A Fisherman’s Summary of Christian Priorities**

- **Knowing the Real Jesus (I John 1:1-4)**

*Jesus is the “**Word of Life**” responsible for the creation and recreation of life as witnessed by John. (I John 1:1)*

*Jesus is the “**Eternal Life**” that displayed what we would be like if unimpaired by sin and death. (I John 1:2)*

*Jesus modelled “**True Fellowship**” with God and people that He invites us to duplicate. (I John 1:3)*

- **God is “Light,” so We Walk in the Light (I John 1:5-7a)**

*“**Light**” means we, like God, are “life-giving” and “life-sustaining” people as the foundation of true fellowship. (I John 1:5-7a)*

*“**Our sinfulness,**” if we are honest, obstructs the light in our life, and we need both confession and cleansing to be continually transformed by Jesus. (I John 1:7b-2:2)*

### **Knowing We Know Jesus (I John 2:3-6)**

1. **Saying we know Jesus means we are committed to knowing and keeping His commandments. (I John 2:3)**

Matthew 28:18-10

2. **Knowing Jesus means we are committed to listening to Him and keeping His word. (I John 2:5)**

Luke 10:38-42

3. **Knowing Jesus means we are being perfected in the love of God through keeping His word. (I John 2:5)**

*God is light, so when we are committed to becoming givers of life we are participating in God’s nature as a lover of life.*

John 15:10-17

4. **Knowing Jesus means we are abiding in Him and seeking to walk just as He walked. (I John 2:6)**

John 8:31-32

John 15:4-5

### **“Knowing Jesus” is “Loving Like Jesus Loved”**

- **We are diminishing what it means to “Know Jesus” if we reduce His commands to rules we have to follow.**
- **Knowing Jesus means we understand His heart behind every word He speaks and His goal to “give life” to everyone.**
- **Knowing Jesus means we understand that His commands are backed by the substance of how He lived His life in relationships.**

*A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another,  
even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.  
By this all men will know that you are My disciples,  
if you have love for one another.”*

John 13:34-35

- **“Walking in the Light”** is the foundation of our fellowship with each other and connectedness to Jesus where we are continually being cleansed and made righteous. (1 John 1:7-10)

### Implications of Walking in the Light (1 John 2:1-3)

#### 1. **“Walking in the Light”** conflicts with the nature of sin in our lives and we should not sin.

(1 John 2:1; Romans 3:21-26)

- Understanding our goal to be “life-giving” means sin is anything we do that could hurt another person’s life.
- Sinlessness is living a “righteous life.” Romans 3:21-26
- Living without sin means we are always asking whether or not our actions are denying self and choosing to do what is in the best interests of others as informed by the will of Jesus.

#### 2. **But when we do sin, we know we have Jesus “at our side” and His commitment to us is “righteous” and He has already covered our sins.** (1 John 2:1-2)

- Jesus’ “Righteousness” means He is committed to doing what is in our best interests. (See again Romans 3:21-26)
- Jesus’ “Righteousness” is proved by what He did on the cross to cover our sins.
- Sin is no longer our greatest concern in life because of Jesus.

#### 3. **Our relationship with God is not proved by our perfection, but by our commitment to obeying Jesus.**

(1 John 2:3; Matthew 28:18-20; John 13:34-35)

- Matthew 28:18-20

## **“Implications of Walking in the Light”**

### **1 John 2:1-3**

#### **Knowing Jesus Changed a Fisherman’s Life**

- Jesus is the **“Word of Life”** responsible for the creation of the world and John had the privilege of seeing Him in action for three years (1 John 1:1)
- Jesus is **“Eternal Life”** and He lived among us so we could understand what “Eternal Life” is like for a human being. (1 John 1:2)
- Jesus involved Himself intimately in the lives of His disciples representing a **“True Fellowship”** with God that he now invites others to enjoy. (1 John 1:3)
- **“Walking in the Light”** is being a “life-giving” and “life-sustaining” person that lives to serve people as did Jesus. (1 John 1:5-7)

○ John 13:34-35

### **“The Light” Exposes Me and Leads Me to Obey Jesus**

- **We are a people who are secure in relationship with Jesus because He sees our sin and covers it.**

*John 4:14-18*

- **We are a people who have chosen to listen to Jesus and do whatever He asks us to do.**

*John 10:14-16; 26-27*