



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Light in the Dark: Know the Light

Scripture: 1 John 2:1-6

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1. Have you ever sung the song, “*He has the whole world in His hands.*” Do you believe that Jesus loves and desires to save the whole world? Really?
2. The English word, “advocate,” is from the Latin word, *advocatus*. The Greek word is *paraklētos*, and literally means, “one called alongside (to help).” How does the fuller definition of this word bring context to John’s statement in 1 John 2:1.
3. The Greek word, *paraklētos*, occurs five times in the New Testament (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7; 1 John 2:1). Four times it refers to the Holy Spirit. Only here is it a reference to the Lord Jesus who is able to be our advocate because He is “the Righteous One.” Is there meaning to this? Why or why not?
4. How are the roles of Jesus and the Holy Spirit distinguished in these verses?
5. 1 John 2:2 says, “Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.” This word comes from the Greek word, *hilasmos*. The word occurs in the context of the work of Christ in four crucial texts: Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10. How do these additional verses help us understand what John is communicating in 1 John 2:2?
6. These two short word studies are important (far beyond information). Jesus does not simply supply a sacrifice (*hilasmos*), He is one Himself. Jesus is both advocate (*paraklētos*) and sacrifice (*hilasmos*) on our behalf. He has supplied what was needed. What is the significance of this statement?
7. Which statement have you lived by most? (1) We obey, therefore we are loved. (2) We love, therefore we obey. What are the differences between these two statements?
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9. How is keeping His commandments a legitimate litmus test for whether we love God? Is it possible to love God and not obey?
10. For the second week, we must consider how we walk. “Whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked” (1 John 2:6). We often say Jesus walks with us, have you ever considered how you must walk as He does?