

SERMON NOTES

Knowing Who We Really Are: Right Belief, Obedience, and Love

1 John 1:1–2:11 | Matt Green | July 7, 2019

The Epistle of 1 John

- Written by the Apostle John, probably late first century
- He is writing to a church or group of churches that he cares about, and where he has considerable influence
- Some members of this church had left, caught up in false teaching and wrong ways of living

John's Credentials and Purpose (1:1–4)

- John was an eyewitness of Jesus
- He is writing so his readers will have fellowship with John and his associates, who have fellowship with God
 - True fellowship exists only among those who trust in Jesus
 - The result of this fellowship is joy

John's Message: God Is Light (1:5)

- He is truth
- He is life
- He is perfectly good

Who We Are As Humans (1:6–2:2)

- We are sinners
 - We must admit this is who we are
 - If we say we haven't sinned, we say God is a liar
- God deals with our sin in Jesus
 - He is our Advocate
 - He is our propitiation — “atoning sacrifice”

Demonstrating That We Know God (2:3–11)

- Keeping God's commandments
- Loving our brothers and sisters

*Does my life demonstrate that I walk with God?
Do I follow His ways? Do I love His people?*