

Children of the Light

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1 John 1:5-2:17

The Setting

- A. The Author's Identity
- B. The Audience's Background
- C. The Argument's Introduction

I. The Standard (1 John 1:5, 2:7-8)

II. The Scan (1 John 1:6-10, 2:3-6, 2:9-11, 2:15-17)

III. The Safety Net (1 John 2:1-2)

- A. The Propitiation (2:2)
- B. The Proponent (2:1)

IV. The Supposition (Savior, Supplication, Submission)

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. In the sermon on Sunday we looked at some Bible verses that were meant to reveal to the reader if they were living in a way that showed them to be what they truly were, that is, "a child of the Light." We specifically looked at 1 John 1:8-10, 2:3-6, 2:9-11, and 2:15-17. Read through these verses again so they are fresh on your mind and discuss them together on a personal level, sharing about your own challenges, as well as victories in these areas.
2. In Philippians 4, the Apostle Paul is encouraging his readers to stand firm in the Lord. In verse 8 he says: "*Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.*" Practically and personally speaking, what does it look like to live out what Paul says here in verse 8? How does verse 8 inform how we can/ought to combat sin, temptation, impatience, and a lack of contentment?
3. In the sermon, we saw in scripture how Jesus is *right now* advocating and interceding on behalf of His elect, specifically those He has saved. When you think about the good news of the gospel and the gracious work of Christ, how often do you consider the present ongoing work of Jesus in the heavens *right now* for you, your sanctification, your family, and our church? Discuss the present work of Jesus as our advocate, intercessor, and high priest, in light of 1 John 2:1, Hebrews 7:23-25, Romans 8:33-35, and John 17:6-24, and talk about how it encourages you as a Christian.
4. In the last question, we reflected on the present ministry of Christ over His church and how it encourages us. Now, let us move from the present to discuss the future ministry of Christ, as coming King to Israel and the nations. Having studied the first epistle of John, discuss what he wrote about the future (e.g. 1 John 2:17-18, 28, and 3:2) and how God's future plans brings comfort and hope for today.