

# The First Letter of John

## *True Knowledge*

### Session Four: God is Life

God is life and sustains eternal life and that life is righteous. Jesus came to earth as a man to show what a righteous, eternal life was like, so that men and women might learn how to live like him.

#### Read 1 John 2:24- 4:6

We are seeing how John repeats his message. He invites us to look inside ourselves and examine our lives to find the things that can only have come from God, so that *“we may know that we have eternal life”* (1 John 5:12). In 1:5-2:6 he tells us that if we live like Jesus, in 2:7-11, that if we love like Jesus and in 2:18-28 if we believe in Jesus, we may be sure that the Holy Spirit is at work within us. Now he tells us again to check if we are living like Jesus (2:29-3:10), loving like Jesus (3:10-3:24) and do truly believe in Jesus (4:1-6).

In 2:20 John writes, *“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.”* Then in 2:27 he mentions this anointing again, *“the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you.”*

1. What is this anointing? When does it happen?

This anointing is a privilege and with it come responsibilities.

2. What are the privileges of a Christian life?
3. We can declare our faith, but how can we prove it? What are the responsibilities that go with privilege?
4. Looking at 1 John 3:3-8, what do these verses tell us about sin?
5. What does John mean in 3:9 and does it not contradict what he says in 1:8?
6. Why should we as Christians not be surprised if the world hates us (3:13)?
7. How do we know that our knowledge of God is true?

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