

# The First letter of John

## *True Knowledge*

### Session Three: God is Light

#### Read 1 John 1:5 – 2:28

“God is light; in him is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5. These words rule out any idea of secrets hidden from some people; mysteries only revealed to an elite section of Christian believers. There is no hidden agenda; nothing has been concealed in a dark corner. It’s impossible; there is no darkness in God and none in his dealings with us.

Fellowship with God means walking in the light and realising a sense of fellowship with others. It also involves understanding the forgiveness of sin, 1:7-9.

1. What does John mean by the metaphor in 1:5, “God is Light”?
2. What is involved in achieving fellowship with God? Look especially at 1:8-10; 2:3-6 and 2:7-11.
3. How do we know we have a true fellowship with God?
4. 1 John 2:12-14 reads like poetry, but what is John’s message in these few verses and why the repetition?
5. 1 John 2:15-17 contains the warning that we should not love the world. What do we understand him to mean by “the world” and what does he not mean?

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