



**#1 Walk In  
The Light  
1 John 1:1-2:2**

Three Ways to Engage:

- #1 - Daily Devotional through 1 John \_\_\_\_\_
- #2 - Weekly Connection with a Small Group \_\_\_\_\_
- #3 - Faithfulness in Weekend Worship \_\_\_\_\_

Four Facts About 1 John...

a. It's short	d. It's <b>PROFOUND</b>
b. It's <b>SIMPLE</b>	e. It's practical
c. It's very repetitive	f. It's <b>PURPOSEFUL</b>

**TESTS OF GENUINE SALVATION**

**TEST #1 – THE DOCTRINAL TEST: Do you hold fast to what the apostles taught about Jesus? 1:1-4**

**1 John 1:1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

The Apostles' testimony...

- A. We experienced Jesus firsthand.
- B. We know for sure Who He was.
- C. We proclaim Him to you: He is our message.
- D. We have fellowship with God through knowing Jesus.
- E. You can too!
- F. Telling you the message of Jesus brings us great joy.

**TEST #2 – THE SIN TEST: Is it your habit to own up to your sins rather than seeking to keep them hidden? 1:5-2:2**

**1 John 1:5** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**1 John 2:1** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

False Claim #1: *I can be in fellowship with God while living a sinful lifestyle without repentance – v.6*

False Claim #2: *There is no sin in my heart – v.8*

False Claim #3: *I've never in my life sinned against God – v.10*

**Proverbs 28:13** *Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

**“Sin will take you further than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay”**  
**“Sin remains unconquered until it is uncovered”**

**OWN IT** to yourself – *I did it*

**CONFESS IT** to God - *I agree with You that it was sinful*

**ADMIT IT** to appropriate others – *I've sinned and I'm humbling myself and hoping for healing by confessing it to you*

**TURN AWAY** from it – *I hate my sin! By God's grace I'm done with it.*