

JUST LIKE DAD OR MOM

Sometimes we are around people and realize that they are just like their dad or mom in some aspect. In what ways are you like your mom or dad or someone else?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

We are learning from the Apostle John, a man who lived and loved like Jesus. Because this 'book' is written like a song or a sermon, it is helpful to remember the previous 'verses' as we move forward. Here is a quick summary of the context:

- We want you to have fellowship with God and us
 - God is light. If you are living in darkness (continuing to live in the gloom and curse of sin), then you are not in fellowship with God
 - If we claim that we have not sinned, we deceive ourselves and make God a liar because He says that we have sinned
 - You can confess your sin to God and He is just to cleanse you through and because of the blood of Jesus Christ that purifies us from all sin
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Read through 1 John 2:1-11. Here are a few definitions that may help.

"Darkness" = "the moral and spiritual gloom that enshrouds current human existence from being outside of the goodness and holiness of God." (Yarbrough on 1 John, p. 102.)

"Light" = God is holy and good, morally and spiritually excellent. Those who are in the light are living in God's goodness and purity.

QUESTIONS FOR 2:1-2

What is John's desire for the people regarding sin? (1)

How does John give them hope if they do sin?

Why can Jesus be our advocate? (1-2)

What is the good news that is summarized in these two verses?

QUESTIONS FOR 2:3-6

John began this message with evidence that he had been with Jesus, the Word of life. He now begins to describe the evidence that one is or is not in fellowship with God.

What is the first indicator that someone knows God (is in fellowship with Him)?

What four action words does John use to describe someone who knows God? (3-6) Why do you think he used so many different words?

What conclusion we are to understand if we don't see these four actions in our lives? (3-6)

QUESTIONS FOR 2:7-11

What specific command does the author identify as evidence of being in fellowship with God? How is this both an old command and a new command? (cf. Leviticus 19:8; John 13:34)

In what ways is the darkness passing and the true light shining? (v. 8, cf. 2 Samuel 22:29; John 12:46)

How is this new command seen in both Jesus and His followers? (v.8)

What does John say is true if we love or hate our brother or sister? (v.10, cf. 1:6; John 1:4, 9, 12:46)

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

John makes bold statements about who is and isn't in fellowship. What do you feel as you consider these evidences? Do you think about yourself? Others?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What is your personal response or reaction to this passage? (2:1-11) What do you think or feel as you ponder John's words?

The author had a passion for people to be in fellowship with God and was willing to make bold statements and ask hard questions. Where do you think this came from? Do we see this in us?

PRAY

- Our Pastor Search Team is asking us to pray for them, for the Elders, and for the leading of the Holy Spirit in the process
- Please pray for the teams at Micah House
- Please pray for believers in Turkey who are giving comfort and shelter to the hurting