

# LETTERS

NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM 1 JOHN



Cornerstone Church | Pastor Jeff Garland | May 19, 2024  
1 John 2:1-6; 1:6

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## TALK ABOUT IT

1. Read 1 John 1:6. We often refer to having a “relationship” with the Lord. This verse talks about having “fellowship” with Him. What is the difference between a relationship and fellowship?
2. 1 John 2:2 in the NIV uses the words “sacrifice of atonement.” The ESV version uses the word “propitiation” instead. What is the difference between these two terms?
3. Read 1 John 2:3-6. Then, read the 4 statements below, which is the summary of the passage. \*We have come to know Him if we keep His commands \*Whoever says I know Him, but does not do what He commands is a liar \*If anyone obeys His Word, love for God is truly made complete in them \*Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did Which statement challenges you and carries the most weight? For which statement do you need the most help from the Lord?
4. Now read 1 John 2:1-2 (below). How do these verses provide hope and encouragement for when you come up short in 1 John 2:3-6?

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin If you do, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense --Jesus Christ, the Righteous One He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

5. What is one specific way these verses challenge you to improve your relationship with God? With others?

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Cornerstone Church | Pastor Thad Harless | May 12, 2024  
1 John 1:1-2:1

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## TALK ABOUT IT

1. 1 John includes "tests" to determine truth from falsehood. Here are some fun “warm up” questions: Were you a good test taker in high school? Did you like or dislike test day? Which test(s) did you take most seriously in your life, in school or out?
2. Read 1 John 1:1-2:1. What aspects of the gospel (good news) about Jesus do you see in this chapter? What gives you confidence in the Lord from this chapter? What is the result of the good news here?
3. Why was 1 John written? Read the following verses and make a list of reasons this letter was written: 1 John 5:13, 1:4, 2:1, 2:7-8, 2:12-14, 2:21, 2:26. What observations do you have about the reasons?
4. Where do you see hope in this list? Warning? What actions should be taken in light of the writing of this letter to you? Our church?

(Eph 6:10-12).