

CHAPTER SUMMARY FORM

Chapter

Read 5 times: 1 John 1 ☐ (check when done)

Caption (title)

Testify the Truth

Contents

Outline

- I. Introduction
 - A. John testifies that he has physically seen and been with Jesus
 - B. John testifies that the messages he has delivered are authentic
 - C. John testifies that he has fellowship with the Deity
- II. The Message
 - A. God is TRUTH
 - B. One cannot teach falsehoods and claim to be in the TRUTH (God)
 - C. Must be truthful about ourselves and our sin.

Chief People

Jesus - he physically existed

John – he witnessed Jesus’ physical existence

False Teachers – not explicitly mentioned, but they are implied

Choice Verse

1 John 1:5b

“God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”

Crucial Words

Physical descriptors (heard, seen, touched, appeared) – John was combating a theology that taught Jesus had only come in the spirit (i.e., he had no physical body). John uses these words to reiterate the physicalness of Jesus.

Light and Darkness – Light and Darkness are used as metaphors for truth and lies.

Challenges

(Difficulties I need to study)

What does “fellowship” really entail? How do I really know if I have “fellowship” with the Father and his Son?

Homework

Cross-references

Seen with our eyes

- Luke 1:2 – Luke gets his account from eyewitnesses
- John 1:14 – we beheld his glory
- 2 Peter 1:16 – Others were eyewitnesses
- Luke 24:39 – Jesus was physically touched to confirm he had flesh and bones

Light and Darkness

- James 1:17 – Father of lights
- Psalm 119:105 – The “truth” of God’s word is a light to my path
- Psalm 19:8 – The commands of the lord give light to the eyes
- Psalm 27:1 – The Lord is my light and my salvation
- Psalm 43:3 – Send forth your light and your truth
- Psalm 56:13 - I may walk before God in the light of life
- Isaiah 2:5 – Let us walk in the light of the Lord
- Isaiah 10:17 - The Light of Israel will become a fire, their Holy One a flame (Messianic prophecy)
- Micah 7:8 – the Lord will be my Light
- Matthew 5:13-16 – You are the Light of the world
- Luke 11:35 - See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness
- John 1:4-9 –Light of men, light shines in the darkness, witness to the light
- John 3:19 – Light has come into the world
- John 12:36 – Trust the light, becomes sons of the light
- John 12:46 – I have come to be a light in the world (Jesus)
- Acts 13:47 – I have made you a light to the Gentiles (Jesus to Paul)

Christ Seen

Jesus Christ appeared in the flesh and he is the eternal life through which we have fellowship with the father.

His blood purifies from all sin.

Central Lesson(s)

A genuine Christian walks habitually in the light (truth and holiness), not in the darkness (falsehood and sin).

Conclusion

(Personal Application)

To ensure that I am walking in the light, I need to make sure that I am confessing my sins. This week I will tell write my brother an email and confess my sins to him daily. I will also confess my sins to God in prayer, seeking forgiveness, redemption and fellowship.

Homework