

1 John 1

1. Who wrote this letter, and what other New Testament books did he write?
2. What is this chapter generally about?
 - a. *Thought Question:* What old error provides the backdrop for John's 1st and 2nd epistles? (*Hint 1: see 1 John 1:1-3; 4:2-3 + 2 John 7; Hint 2: Though not expressly named, Paul addressed it in Colossians and Peter addressed it in 2 Peter*)
3. In verses 1-3, what two aspects of Jesus did John emphasize? (*incidentally, John was answering the error that I alluded to in question 2a*)
4. What was John's purpose for so describing Jesus to his readers?
 - a. What is "fellowship?"
5. With whom do saints have fellowship?
6. How does John describe God's nature (v.5), and what does he mean by the terms that he uses?
 - a. How is Jesus described in John 8:12?
7. What behavior turns a claim of fellowship with God into a "lie?"
8. What must one do in order to have and maintain fellowship with God?

9. There has been much controversy among brethren over the identity of the “other” (“another”) of verse 7. This controversy revolves around the (false) notion of static fellowship between Christians who don’t even know each other, and who have never worked together in a fellowship activity.
- a. According to the preceding two verses, which from a grammatical perspective define and identify the antecedent, who is actually described?

 - b. Fellowship with God is predicated upon what *general condition*?

 - c. When are people cleansed by the blood of Christ?
10. In what sense does one “make” God “a liar?”
- a. Can God *really* “lie?” (see Titus 1:2)
11. Remembering the importance of context and the doctrinal error that is being addressed, who is the “deceived” person in verses 8 and 10? Pick a or b:
- a. The one who claims to not be a sinner.
 - b. The one who claims to not be a sinner even though he has sinned or is sinning.
12. What *specific* condition does verse 9 add to the general one that was already mentioned in verse 7?