

Fast Facts: 1st John – January 6, 2021

1. John was one of the apostles, brother of James, son of Zebedee, and a member of the inner circle. He wrote the Gospel of John, 1st John, 2nd John, 3rd John and the Revelation.
2. This letter was addressed to believers to encourage them in their faith and to correct the false teaching of the “Gnostics” who denied the incarnation, that Jesus was here in the flesh.
3. John declared in the prologue that he had personally seen and with his hands touched the Word of Life. The Word of Life is a title for Jesus. He taught that Jesus is co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. John said in verse 4 to believers that he writes so that “our joy may be full”.
4. Now in verse 5, John declared that God is light. Jesus referred to himself as Light in John 9:5, 12:35-36; 46, and John 8:12. Here are the great “I Am” statements. Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World”. Those who follow Jesus will never walk-in darkness but will have the light of Life”.
5. In verse 6, since God is light and there is no darkness in Him, we cannot claim to be in full fellowship with God and walk-in sin at the same time. Anyone who makes this claim is lying and not living according to the truth.
6. Verse 7, when we walk in His light, two things happen. One, we have fellowship with each other and with God, the Father. Two, when we are in the light, the blood that Jesus shed on the cross purifies us from all sin. All sin means every kind of sin. There are no limits to the categories of sin that Jesus will forgive. Amen!
7. We all sin. We all have forgiveness through Jesus, and He will remember them against us no more. When we confess our sins, He forgives us. Yes, we will sin after being saved, but we are under the blood that erases all sin. Jesus took our sins to the cross.