

## 1 John 1:5-2:2      BACK TO BASICS

Discuss briefly any false teachings about Jesus that exists today?

Historical Background:

1. What does 2:19, 26 indicate about the situation John wrote to?
2. What did the false teaching involve (read 2:18-24; 4:1-6)?

This false teaching is called by commentators Gnosticism, which taught that spirit is good & matter (the physical body) is evil, which had big ramifications for Jesus becoming flesh and the right attitude to sin. (If anyone has a NIV study bible – read the *Gnosticism* section in the introduction to 1 John).

*Read 1 John 1:1-2:2*

3. What gives John the right to have such firm views about Jesus? Also see 2 Peter 1:20-21
4. Why is it important we listen to John's eye witness evidence about Jesus according to verses 3-5?
5. What contrast or images dominates v1:5-10 and why?
6. What 3 wrong claims were some people making about sin?  
'If we claim...  
'If we claim...  
'If we claim...  
7. Put these 3 claims in your own words and give practical examples of them today?

8. What benefits flow from living in the light of God's fellowship v7 & 9?
9. Sin matters to God, to conclude otherwise is calling him a Liar. It matters so much he provided a solution 2:1-2. What do the words 'atoning sacrifice' mean?
10. How does an OT background of the sacrificial system in Leviticus (eg ch 15:11-14) shed extra light on what Jesus 'atoning sacrifice' means?

**Apply:**

1. How do people today sometimes deny their sinfulness?
2. Why is acknowledging our sin so important?
3. Why do we need to start with God and always keep listening to him to stay on track spiritually?
4. How can we guard against a wrong attitude to sin?

Pray for all ministries starting up. Pray that teenagers are converted from the high school this year. Pray for our church camp coming up.