

# 1 JOHN 2

## • Walking in God's Light as disciple (1:5-2:11; Jn 8:12)

1. Confession vs. Denial (1:9, Nu 32:23; Ga 6:7)
  - *Honesty in claims with others, self, & God (1:6, 8, 10)*
  - *Cleansing & release from guilt by Jesus' appeasement of Father's wrath (1:7; 2:1-2)*
2. Relational vs. Rational knowledge of God (2:3)
  - *Knowledge by experience or personal relationship*
  - *Contrast of Matthew 7:23*
3. Obedience vs. Rebellion (2:3-6; Jn 14:15, 21)
  - *Being like Jesus (2 Pe 1:5-11)*
4. Love vs. Hate (2:7-11)
  - *Old & new command (2:7-8; Le 19:18; Jn 13:34)*
  - *Love of Jesus is true—not hidden or concealed (2:8)*
  - *Darkness associated with chaos, evil & unknown*

## • Spiritual maturity (2:12-14)

1. Children—know sins forgiven; know Father
  - *Spiritual milk—basics (He 5:11-13)*
2. Young people—strong from indwelling Word; overcoming Satan
  - *Spiritual meat—discernment & righteous living (He 5:14-6:3)*
3. Adults—know God intimately
  - *Not knowing about Jesus but knowing Jesus (Ep 1:17; 2 Pe 3:18)*

## • God & His will vs. World & its traps (2:15-17)

1. Lust (2 Sa 11:1-4)
2. Materialism (1 Ti 6:6-10)
3. Pride (Pr 16:18)

## • Anointing of Spirit vs. Antichrist (2:18-27)

1. The Antichrist is coming (18; 2 Th 2:3-10)
  - *A human male—not a demon or Satan (3)*
  - *Of sin—living outside of God's will (3)*
  - *Claiming to be God (4)*
  - *In "God's temple" (4)*
    - Literally—a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem
    - Symbolically—the Christian church
  - *Doing miracles by Satan's power (9)*
  - *Doing evil that deceives people (10)*
  - *Destroyed by Jesus at the Second Coming (3, 8)*
2. Many antichrists here (18-23)
  - *Were believers*
  - *Reject Jesus as the Christ*
3. Holy Spirit teaches truth about Jesus (24-27; Jn 14:26; 16:13)
  - *This is eternal life (Jn 17:3)*

# LOVE LESSON 2 • TENDER LOVE

- **Recognize differences--not everyone is (& has to) like me (Mk 6:30-34)**
  1. Spiritually (1 Jn 2:12-14)
  2. Emotionally (1 Co 9:19-23)
  3. Physically (Mt 4:23-25)
- **Empathize--walk in their shoes**
  1. Jesus--adopted/large family/widowed mother (He 2:17)
  2. Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37)
- **Speak their "love language" (<https://5lovelanguages.com/>)**
  1. Gifts
  2. Service
  3. Words
  4. Time
  5. Touch
- **Where to speak "love languages"**
  1. Romantic relationships
  2. Family
  3. Friendships
  4. Work