



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 4, 2023

Sermon Text 1 John 1:5 - 2:2

1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. [2] He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1>.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it necessary for a person to understand and accept that he/she is a hopeless helpless sinner in order to understand the Gospel? How does this help to explain why the Gospel is foolish to most people?
2. What do you think it means that God is light, and what does it look like when a Christian walks in the light? On the flip side, why do you think even "Christians" sometimes willingly choose to walk in darkness?
3. What does this passage teach us about the eternal fate of the person who says they are a Christian, yet continues to walk in darkness? How should this make every Christian evaluate his/her own life?
4. According to 1 John 1:9, what is the only hope for the guilty sinner? What does it mean to confess our sins and how often should the Christian do this?
5. 1 John 2:1 says, "...***we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.***" How do you think Jesus advocates for and helps us when we sin?