

First John - Chapter Two

"How to Be a Real Deal Christian"

I John 2:1-6 "Real Deal Christians Understand the Balance of Forgiveness – Avoiding Discouragement and Presumption"

Some Key Points:

- 1) Christians should not s_____, but the reality is that we do. But we should not be discouraged, because we are forgiven!

- 2) Because we sin, there is an on-going spiritual "c_____ r_____" battle taking place (Zech 3; Rev 12:10).
Defendant = Us Christians
Prosecutor = Satan
Defense Attorney = Jesus
Judge = God the Father
Verdict = NOT GUILTY (or could be viewed as guilty BUT the sentence/penalty was paid for by Jesus on the cross)

- 3) God's forgiveness is NOT a "l_____ to s_____" (i.e. a presumption of God's grace). By presuming on God's grace and intentionally sinning we:
 - a) Disrespect the gospel
 - b) Show that we may not be truly saved
 - c) Can develop hard hearts
 - d) Forget that even forgiven sin may still have consequences

- 4) There is u_____ atonement. Jesus died for the whole world and all who call upon Jesus will be saved (see John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9; I Timothy 2:3-6; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13).

- 5) One of the signs we are truly a child of God is that we o_____ His commands.

- 6) There is a strong link between l_____ and obedience (John 14:15, 21, 23-24).

I John 2:7-11 "Real Deal Christians are Loving"

Some Key Points:

- 1) The biblical commands to love are o_____ (Lev 19:18; Duet 6:5).

- 2) The old command to love is "n_____" in the sense of Christ's display of divine love on the cross, His teaching to love your enemy (Matt 5:43-47), and the daily experience of believers growing to love each other.

- 3) Love for e_____ o_____ is another sign that we are truly saved.

I John 2: 12-14 “Real Deal Christians are Grateful”

Some Key Points:

- 1) Christians have m_____ to be grateful for, including:
- 2) We have been f_____ in Jesus name.
- 3) We k_____ (have a personal relationship) with Jesus Christ.
- 4) We have o_____ the evil one.
- 5) We k_____ (have a personal relationship) with God the Father.
- 6) We have the w_____ of G_____ to live in us and help us overcome the evil one and live victoriously (Hebrews 4:12; Col 3:16)

I John 2: 15-17 “Real Deal Christians Love God, not the World System”

Some Key Points:

- 1) We can't love the w_____ and God at the same time – we can't serve two masters (Matt 6:24).
- 2) The world and its evil desires will pass away – but the person who does the will of God lives f_____.
- 3) We need to not c_____ to the patterns, values and temptations of the world:
 - a) Lust of the flesh (cravings of sinful man). Unbiblical desires for sex, food, pleasure, etc.
 - b) Lust of the eyes. Unbiblical desires for money and material things.
 - c) Boastful pride of life (boasting of what we have and do). Unbiblical desire for power and prestige.

I John 2: 18-27 “Real Deal Christians are Alert to Lies and Follow the Truth”

Some Key Points:

- 1) There have always been “a_____” to lead people astray.

- 2) Antichrists (deceivers) often are p_____ of the broad church – but are not true believers. Deceivers often break way from larger bible believing churches.
 - 3) Deceivers deny that Jesus is the C_____ (Messiah; Savior).
 - 4) Deceivers deny that Jesus is the w_____ to God the Father. Deceivers end up denying God the Father because they deny His Son.
 - 5) The best defense from being deceived is to know the t_____.
 - 6) Five historic phrases to describe the t_____ g_____.
- a) Scripture alone (II Tim 3:16-17)
 - b) Christ Alone (John 14:6)
 - c) Grace Alone (Eph 2:8-9)
 - d) Faith Alone (Rom 1:17; Eph 2:8-9)
 - e) To God alone be the glory (I Cor 10:31; Rom 11:36)

I John 2: 28-29 “Real Deal Live in Christ and Do What is Right”

Some Key Points:

- 1) Real Deal Christians l_____ in Christ.
- 2) Real Deal Christians do what is r_____. We live righteously like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – who lives in us (as does God the Father and the Holy Spirit John 14:16-17, 20-23; Rom 8:9-11; 2 Cor 13:5). “Members of God’s family are marked by holy living”.
- 3) By living in Christ and living righteously we will be c_____ and u_____ when Jesus comes the second time.