



“1 John 2:3-14”

Discussion Questions

1. In chapter 1 John stresses the importance of living what we profess. What makes the biggest impression on you: what someone says or what someone does? Why? How important is it for us today to live according to Christ’s words?
2. In chapter 1 John said if anyone professes to love Jesus but walks in the darkness or claims to be without sin, he or she is a liar. How does this claim strike you? Does John’s blunt language offend you? Can you think of instances where we should be blunt and to the point concerning God’s word and our actions?
3. Keeping in mind the above points, why do you think John addressed his readers as "My dear children"? What does this suggest about his relationship to them and with them? How would you react if someone called you a child (in this context)?
4. John now addresses those who may be feeling guilty or condemned by what he wrote earlier. To John, this meant that their hearts were not hardened to the Lord. What hope does he give them in vv 1-2?

John states that Jesus speaks in our defense. Jesus is defending us from whom? How does He defend us? (See v. 2 and the question below.)

What does it mean that Jesus is the "atoning sacrifice" for all our sins?

5. According to vv 4-6, how can we tell if someone really knows Jesus or just claims to know Him? How can we walk as Jesus did? Can you list some specific examples?



6. In vv 7-8 John talks about a command that is both old and new. What is this "old" command that we have had since the beginning? In what way is it new in Jesus Christ?

7. Read carefully vv 9-11. What is the true measure of our relationship with God? What does it mean to love your brother? To hate your brother?

8. According to these verses, what does it mean to live in the light? To live in darkness?

9. In verses 12-14, John addresses three groups: children, young men, and fathers. He also ascribes certain qualities to each. Whom do you think each group represents?

For what does John commend each group?

How do these verses apply to you?

From these verses, how can we overcome the evil one?