



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Series- Marked by Love- 1 John Prt 1

Bible Readings: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Date- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2017

### **Friendship with God**

*2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. 1 John 1:2-3*

1. We can have friendship with God by receiving the incarnate son. (1 John 1:1-4)
2. We can have friendship with God by walking in the light. (1 John 1:5-8)
3. State It: We can have friendship with God by being purified from sin. (1 John 1:9-2:2)

### A. Text based Questions

1. Read 1 John 1:1-4. How important to John was the physical nature of the incarnation? What was John's purpose for proclaiming and testifying to the incarnate Christ?
2. Read 1 John 1:5-7. What do you think about John's statement- "God is light," what did he meant by it?
3. Read 1 John 1:8-10. What does this section say about the character of God and what does that mean for us as we contemplate personal sin?
4. Read 1 John 2:1-2. Why does John write this section of scripture and what provision does he make for those who do sin?

It is believed that John in his letter is really trying to combat a heresy Gnosticism. If John is refuting this heresy what do you think some of their beliefs were and how does he speak to them?

### B. Meditation & Application

5. What does this passage teach us about God the Father and God the Son?
6. What does this passage call us to do?
7. What truth in this section of scripture do you really need to learn and put into practice in your life?
8. How does this passage help you to counsel and encourage other believers? What truths could apply to others or your own, sense of guilt and others/your misconceptions about Christ?

*Prayer- Dear Heavenly Father- thank you for sending Christ your son. Thank you for entering into our world in order to redeem us and bring us back to yourself. Help us to understand Christ aright and live in light of the revelation of God that is in Christ. In Jesus Name- Amen.*