

July 23, 2017  
I John 2:3-17

## WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT?

### I. Introduction:

#### What is life all about?

**3] “We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.** 4] The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5] But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: 6] Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.” I John 2:3-6

### II. Three Essential Truths About Life:

#### A. Realize

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7] “Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. 8] Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. 9] Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. 10] Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. “

How Does This Impact My Life?

- Spending
- Words
- Attitudes
- My Spiritual Life

B. Remember

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12] “I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. 13] I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I John 2:12-13

C. Resist

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“The human heart will love. It is not a question of whether you love. It is a question of \_\_\_\_\_ you love.” John Ortberg.

15] “Do not love **the world or anything in the world**. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16] For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.” I John 2:15-16

- \_\_\_\_\_: the cravings of sinful man
- \_\_\_\_\_: the lust of his eyes
- \_\_\_\_\_: the boasting of what he has and does

Problem: They \_\_\_\_\_!

17] “The world and its desires **pass away**, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.” I John 2:17

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**Week of July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**I John 2:3-17**

**Open It:**

1. How would you answer the question, "what is life all about?"
2. What in your life brings you the most joy?

**Explore It:**

3. What test did John describe for knowing whether or not a person truly knows God? (2:3-6)
4. What did John say he was giving to his readers? (2:7-8)
5. How are claiming to be a Christian and loving one's fellow Christians related? (2:9-11)
6. Why did John write to "the dear children"? (2:12-13)
7. Why did John write to "the fathers"? (2:13-14)
8. Why did John write to "the young men"? (2:13-14)

**Get It**

9. What do you think the terms "light" and "darkness" represent?
10. In what way is God similar to light?
11. \*In what way do we "walk in darkness"?
12. \*How can we "walk in the light"?
13. How does the promise of being purified from all sin make you feel?

14. Why would someone claim that he or she was without sin?
15. What role does the confession of sins play in your daily life?
16. How important is fellowship with other believers to you?
17. In what way is Jesus like our attorney?
18. How can we get to know God better?
19. What does the way in which we treat other believers reveal about us?
20. What confidence does Jesus' atoning death give to us?
21. What confidence should our relationship with the Father give us?
22. What area of your life do you need to examine in order to see your sins more clearly?
23. How do you need to change the way you relate to fellow believers in order to develop a deeper relationship with God?

**Apply It:**

24. \*What steps will you take this week to walk in the light?
25. What will you do to incorporate the confession of sins into your daily routine?