

IN THE LIGHT

THE LETTERS
OF JOHN



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1 John 2:1-14

**DOES GOD REALLY WANT US TO KNOW
FOR _____ THAT WE ARE _____?**

IF SO, HOW CAN WE _____?

**1. DOES GOD EVEN WANT US TO KNOW FOR SURE
WE ARE SAVED?**

1 John 5:13

**HE _____ US, AND WHEN YOU _____
SOMEONE, YOU WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT
YOU _____ THEM.**

WE ARE HIS BELOVED _____ . John 14:18

WE ARE HIS BETROTHED _____ . John 14:1-3

Love for God grows only in the soil of security.

J.D. Greear

1 John 4:19

2. HOW CAN WE KNOW THAT WE ARE SAVED?

1 John 5:13

**YOU HAVE PLACED YOUR HOPES FOR
_____ ENTIRELY ON _____.**

Leviticus 1:4

YOU HAVE A NEW _____.

1 John 5:18

1 John 2:3-4

Proverbs 24:16

Fill in the blanks: sure, saved, know, loves, love, love, children, bride, heaven, Jesus, nature

This Study Guide will help you go deeper throughout the week with daily scripture reading and questions for your own personal reflection and application. It is also designed to be used for discussion with your family, friends, and Life Group.

OPEN UP

Are you more likely to err on the side of doing what you shouldn't or NOT doing what you should?

UNDERSTANDING JOHN'S LETTER

As you read chapter 2, circle the word *know*. How many times does it appear and what do you observe about how this word is used?

WALKING IN THE LIGHT (2:1-11)

What tests did John describe for knowing whether or not a person truly knows God (2:3-6, 10)? Which of these has been more difficult for you this week?

REASONS FOR WRITING (2:12-14)

Note: Although the Greek words used in this section are masculine, they refer to all believers, both male and female.

If John's words in these verses represent different stages of spiritual maturity, what stage would you place yourself? From what John says, what is, therefore, true about you?

LOVING THE WORLD (2:15-17)

Notice John's mention of love in these verses. Think about the following words, then rank them in the order of their importance in defining true love: emotion, action, attitude, choice.

In what areas of your life does love for "the world" compete with love for God? Finances or possessions? Time? Relationships? Ambitions? Other?

KNOWING VS. DENYING THE SON (2:18-29)

What do we need to know that will make us confident and unashamed before Jesus (2:28-29)?

APPLY

What worldly thing or value do you need to turn away from in order to pursue your relationship with God?

CHALLENGE

John uses one of his favorite words in verses 6, 10, 14, 27, and 28. This word translates as *abide* or *remain*. What specific step will you take to abide in Jesus this week?

This Week's Bible Reading

Day 1 - 1 John 2:1-11

Day 2 - 1 John 2:12-14

Day 3 - 1 John 2:15-17

Day 4 - 1 John 2:18-27

Day 5 - 1 John 2:28-29

SOAP Study

The SOAP study method is a simple, yet powerful tool to help guide you into deeper understanding and life application of the Bible. There is a section in the Growth Binder that introduces you to this method and provides pages to help you get the most out of your personal Bible study.