

First John Summary

☐ Monday - Attributes: God is Light.

1 John 1:5

“And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). God does not cast a shadow. The light of His [omni] presence leaves nothing hidden in darkness: “Thou hast placed our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy presence” (Psa. 90:8). “Coram Deo” (before the face of God) was John Calvin’s motto, and it must be ours. Live today in the light of His presence. Read John 3:19-21

☐ Tuesday - Abide: In Christ.

1 John 2:5-6

What does it mean to *abide* in Christ? (1 Jn. 2:5-6). It means: [1] to take up permanent residence, to be at home (Psa. 23:6, 27:4); [2] to take refuge in (Psa. 61:4, 91:1); [3] to be near to, not just in proximity, but by personal relationship (Eph. 2:13); [4] to be inseparable (Rom. 8:35, 38-39); [5] to live as one (Gal. 2:20) and [6] move as one (Eph. 2:6); [7] to be completely dependent upon Christ (Psa. 63:8), to trust in Him (Prov. 3:5-6), and to “wholly lean on Jesus name”; [8] to be satisfied and refreshed (Jer. 31:25); [9] to be at rest (Mt. 11:28); [10] to never leave (1 John 2:19). Read 1 John 4:12-16

☐ Wednesday - Assurance: Jesus is the Christ.

1 John 2:24

Jesus asked, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Upon the confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Church is built (Mt. 16:13-18). “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God” (1 Jn. 5:1). To believe that Jesus is the Christ is to believe the whole truth about Him – that He is the Anointed Prophet, Priest, King, Savior, Lord, and God. Read Isaiah 9:6-7

☐ Thursday - Antichrist is in the World!

1 John 4:3

Antichrist is described in Scripture as: [1] a satanically possessed man of lawlessness at the end of time (2 Thess. 2:3-4); [2] a growing sentiment that is already in the world (1 Jn. 2:18, 4:3); and [3] a beastly monster that wages war against the saints (Rev. 13) and feeds on the sins of men. The world gorges the belly of that beast, but, O, when God’s own people sin, the beast dines at the King’s table! Dear Christian, “Sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it” (Gen. 4:7); but “sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace” (Rom. 6:14). Read Psalm 2

☐ Friday - Answered Prayer: Essential Elements

1 John 5:14-15

“Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit, for such things as God has promised, or according to His Word, for the good of the church, with submission in faith to the will of God” (Written by John Bunyan in 1649 from Bedford prison, England; imprisoned for preaching the Gospel). “Prayer is not always petition, sometimes it is just communion. It is the exquisite ministry of friendship” (J. H. Jowett). “Prayer is the breath of the church. When the church prays, the body is breathing; when the church stops praying the body is dead” (Dr. Ed Clowney). “Prayer is a wartime walkie talkie for spiritual warfare, not a domestic intercom to increase the comforts of the saints” (John Piper). “Prayer is unhurried conversation with God” (Unknown). Read Ephesians 6:18; Philipians 4:6