

Essentials for Resurrection Life

The Book of First John – EPISODE 3 (1 John 2:1-14)

*Note for production team

Know That You Know

1 John 2:1-14

(1) Know that SIN is missing the mark.

SIN:

hamartanō, (*ham-ar-tan´-o*) = to miss the mark (and so *not share* in the prize)

(2) Know that Jesus is our Righteous ADVOCATE

ADVOCATE:

paraklētōs, (*par-ak´-lay-tos*) = an *intercessor, consoler*:—advocate, comforter.

RIGHTEOUS:

dikaios (adj) just, correct, righteous, innocent. *The characteristic of following God's law.*

Hebrews 7:19–28 — For the law never made anything perfect. But now we have confidence in a better hope, through which we draw near to God. ²⁰ This new system was established with a solemn oath. Aaron's descendants became priests without such an oath, ²¹ but there was an oath regarding Jesus. For God said to him, "The Lord has taken an oath and will not break his vow: 'You are a priest forever.' "²² Because of this oath, Jesus is the one who guarantees this better covenant with God. ²³ There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office. ²⁴ But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. ²⁵ Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. ²⁶ He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven. ²⁷ Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins.

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²⁸ The law appointed high priests who were limited by human weakness. But after the law was given, God appointed his Son with an oath, and his Son has been made the perfect High Priest forever.

(3) KNOW that OBEDIENCE keeps us living in Him.

OBEDIENCE:

tēreō (vb) to keep; to guard, watch, protect. This verb can indicate obedience as keeping commandments or words.

PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Bible Recap reading plan.

Recite this prayer daily:

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or your Group)

Read 1 John 1:9- 2:14. What do you notice in this passage?

Sunday's message was about building our relationship with God. Did anything stand out to you or raise a question?

What is one truth you KNOW (spiritual or natural), that no one could ever talk you out of believing? Why are you so convinced of that truth?

Read Hebrews 7:15-28. What does this tell us about God and us?

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The word OBEY means “to keep, protect, or guard” implying that to obey God is not to earn anything but rather to preserve and continue the relationship we have been invited into by God. How does this impact our daily walk with God? Is this perspective different from what you were taught or assumed about God?

How does our obedience help establish confidence that we are living in God?

Read the above prayer as a group.