

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **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. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our[a] joy complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[b] sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Footnotes

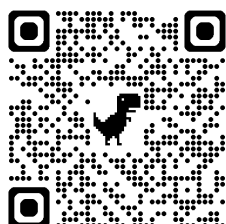
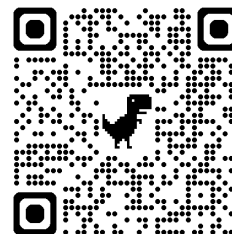
- a. 1 John 1:4 Some manuscripts *your*
- b. 1 John 1:7 Or *every*

Small Group Instructions

Step 1: Pray

Step 2: Cover the Inductive Bible Study Method

- Watch this 8 min instructional video and take notes
- Get clear about Observation, Interpretation and Application
- [How to Study the Bible](#)¹



You may join the Virtual for steps 1 and 2 if meeting with a small group as well. We'll cover the above and some historical context for 1 John.

Here is the [RBC Virtual Bible Study Room](#).

meet.google.com/nvv-zzmb-neo

Step 3: Read the Scripture aloud together.

- Also, if in personal study, read aloud to yourself too.

Step 4: Read the passage again silently making observations on the passage

- Share the Observations with the group (if in a group setting)

Step 6: Read the passage again silently while making interpretive notes

- Share those with your group

Step 7: Read the passage again silently while looking for areas of conviction and application

- Share some with the group

Step 8: Close in pray together

¹ Video is from Impact and Logos Ministries. A Bible Translation Group. [How to Study the Bible](#)