

Sin: The Joy Robber

Text – 1 John 1:5-10

Series – Apologetics, the Creator, and Me

The spirit of _____, if not the doctrine, is prevalent in the churches, homes, and lives of 21st century believers.

John declared two essential, fundamental doctrines for _____ in 1 John 1.

I. John answered the false teachers, and their doctrines, with an eyewitness account of the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:1-4)

II. The Existence and Nature of _____ (1:5-10)

A. The nature of God is _____, and the nature of sin is _____. (1 John 1:5)

1. Light and darkness are spiritual metaphors.

a. “Light” is a metaphor for walking in the _____ and the _____ of God.

b. “Darkness” is a metaphor for _____-living, and continuing in _____.

2. “God is light,” and His _____ dispels spiritual darkness. (1:5)

3. What is sin?

a. Sin is the _____ of the Law and Commandments of God. (Exodus 20; Matthew 22:35-40; Isaiah 59:2)

b. Walking in sin (darkness) is a _____ of the heart. (Jeremiah 17:9; Mark 7:21–23; Genesis 6:5)

c. Sinful _____ is the nature of all. (Romans 3:10–12; Romans 3:19–20)

B. Five conditions [*truths*] that test the _____ of one's _____ (1:6-10)

1. Sin is _____ with God Who is _____. (1:6)

2. Sin robs a believer of _____ with other believers. (1:7)

3. Sin _____, and snatches away the _____. (1:8)

4. By _____ sins, we are _____, and cleansed. (1:9)

1 John 1:10 - ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him [*God*] a liar, and his word [*gospel*] is not in us.

**Warning:
Unconfessed sin will spiritually _____,
and leave you in _____.**