

Sermon Notes for July 16, 2006 A.M.

Morning: “The Courtroom of Heaven” (Joy For The Journey)
I John 2:1-3 (Pew Bible page 1082)

The first proof of a born again experience and the path to joy is a **holy life!** (I John 1:1-2:3) “Be ye holy, for I the Lord your God am holy” is the theme of both Testaments! {Leviticus 11:44 (99), I Peter 1:16 (1076)} Sensitivity to God’s presence and to the horrors of sin are the beginning steps to a holy life. When a holy life becomes a primary goal in your life, you may truly say, “I am sure I am a Christian.” The Apostle John, by the Holy Spirit, leads us in I John to seek assurance of our salvation by a:

- **Holy Life**—I John 2:1
- **Growing Life**—I John 2:3, 12
- **Hopeful Life**—I John 3:1-3
- **Loving Life**—I John 3:11
- **Discerning Life**—I John 4:1
- **Prayerful Life**—I John 5:14-15

We are examining the **Holy Life**, and the Holy Spirit takes us into a heavenly courtroom.

I. The Judge—I John 1:5 “God is **light**, and in Him is no darkness, none at all!”

I John 2:1— “The **Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

God is **Light**—I John 1:5; God is **Love**— I John 4:16; God is **Life**— I John 5:12

The requirement of the Court is for the child of God to seek a **pure** and **holy** daily walk before the Lord. I John 2:1— “My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not (do not practice sin).”

II. The Prosecutors—I John 2:1 “And if any man sin.”

- The **Devil accuses** us. I John 2:14; Revelation 12:10-11
- The **World allures** us. I John 2:15
- The **Flesh attacks** us. I John 2:16

III. The Attorney—I John 2:1-2 “We have an advocate (Greek, Paraclete) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous and He is the propitiation (Greek, hilasterion; Hebrew, Kippor, Mercy Seat) for our sins.”

- Jesus is our **Defender**— “An advocate”
- Jesus is our **Defense!**— “The propitiation for our sins.”

IV. The Verdict—I John 2:3 “We do **know** that we **know** Him if we keep His commandments.”
We walk from the heavenly courtroom **righteous** and **assured** of our position in Christ and the family of God.

- We are **forgiven**— “He is the propitiation (mercy seat) for our sins.”
- We are **free**— “We keep His commandments.”
- We will be **fruitful**—I John 3:6 “Abide in Him . . . walk even as He walked.” John 15:5 (956) “He who **abides** in Me, and I him, the same brings forth much **fruit**: for without Me, you can do nothing.”

“My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name!
On Christ the solid Rock I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.”

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Evening: "The Secret To Growing Is In Knowing" I John 2:3-11 (Pew Bible page 1082) (Joy For The Journey)

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What we **know** in Christ with much **assurance**:

- We **know** the true God – I John 2:3 “Now by this we **know** that we **know** Him.” I John 4:6 “We are of God. He who **knows** God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we **know** the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.”
- We **know** we have the Holy Spirit – I John 2:20 “But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you **know** all things.” I John 3:24 “Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and he in Him. And by this we **know** that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”
- We **know** we have eternal life – I John 3:14 We **know** that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren.” I John 5:13 “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may **know** that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.” I John 5:19 “We **know** that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.”
- We **know** that our prayers reach Heaven – I John 5:14-15 “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we **know** that He hears us, whatever we ask, we **know** that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”
- We **know** that He is coming again – I John 3:2 “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we **know** that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.”
- The secret to **knowing** is in **obeying**—His Commandments— I John 2:3-4 “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” John 14:16-20 (955)
- The secret to **obeying** is in **loving**—His Compassion— I John 2:5 “But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.” John 15:8-10
- The secret to **loving** is in **abiding**—His Companionship—I John 2:6a “He who says he abides in Him.” John 15:4-5

- The secret to **abiding** is in **walking**—Our Continuation—I John 2:6b “Ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” I John 2:7-10
- The secret in **walking** is in **growing**—Our Conformity—I John 2:12 “I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake.” John 15:10-11