

## What is God? 1 John 1:5-2:2

1:5 "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 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."

2:1 "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

### I. God is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:5-7)

John 8:12 "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

We either accept the \_\_\_\_\_ or we are lost in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
There is no such thing as grey area.

"His light doesn't make the darkness any less dark; it just conquers every shadow with something stronger." -Marshall Segal

### II. God is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:8-10)

John 18:37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" retorted Pilate.

\_\_\_\_\_ is we are not in \_\_\_\_\_.  
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Pilate did not condemn Jesus because Pilate knew he was not in charge.

### III. Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:1-2)

John 18: 38 "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"

40 They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

Atoning: Jesus made amends to turn God's wrath away from us.

### Romans 8:34

"Who is there to condemn us? For Christ Jesus, who died, and more than that was raised to life, is at the right hand of God—and He is interceding for us."

### 1 Timothy 2:5

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

### Hebrews 7:25

"Therefore He is able to save completely those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to intercede for them."

Jesus speaks to the Father on our behalf for our sins.

### IV. God is for \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:2)

Romans:11:11 "Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. 12 But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!"

How much more will the world follow Jesus if Christians start acting like Jesus is God.