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THE LETTER OF I JOHN

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ And by

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Changed Man, Transformed Mind

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1. There is a God and he is glorious.

I John 1:5 (ESV)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

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I John 4:8b (ESV)

God is love.

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2. While God can never be known fully,
he can be known truly.

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3. Truth and error exist and are distinguishable.

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I John 2:26 (ESV)

I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

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4. Both beliefs and behaviors matter.

I John 1:5-8 (ESV)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one

I John 1:5-8 (ESV)

⁷ another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

I John 4:7-12 (ESV)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live

I John 4:7-12 (ESV)

⁹ through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

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5. The church is family.

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I John 1:4 (ESV)

And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

I John 5:13 (ESV)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

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I John 5:19 (ESV)

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.