IN THE LIGHT

THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

2 Timothy 3:16-17 1 John 1:5-10 Psalm 51:4 1 John 2:1-6

I Know Him

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- Scholars believe John was Jesus' <u>cousin</u>. This is why John's writings are so personal, they give a whole different take on Jesus' <u>life</u> and <u>ministry</u>.
- John wrote the book of John but he also wrote four other letters: <u>1st, 2nd, 3rd</u> <u>John and Revelation</u>.
- John defines light as the <u>source</u> and <u>essence</u> of holiness and righteousness, goodness and truth.
- In contrast, John defines darkness as our <u>persistence</u> in sin, not individual sins.
- According to John's logic, if you claim that you have <u>never</u> sinned, John argues you're not a <u>follower</u> of Jesus.
- If you claim you are currently without sin, you are just deceiving yourself.
- The answer is that you've got to **confess** your sins.
- Confession is the act of the <u>soul</u> crying out to it's Creator that is needs to be made right again.
- Coming to terms with our sin is the first step to <u>accepting</u> the <u>immensity</u> of God's love for us.
- Antinomianism is believing you have the license to do whatever you want because you are <u>saved by grace</u>.
- Jesus is the **atoning** sacrifice for our sins.
- To follow His commandment is to love... a love that is born out of <u>appreciation</u> for our <u>forgiveness</u>.