

## **Bible Study for April 5-11, 2021**

**Read:** 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

### **Notes:**

This week we begin to take a long look at 1 John, not to be confused with the gospel of John. Because our epistle lessons come from this very short book for entire Easter Season, perhaps some background is in order.

While he is nowhere named in this epistle, it is quite probable that this was written by the elderly beloved apostle John. In this book he has written what Christianity boils down to after living his life following the master, apparently all in an attempt to battle some false teachings from a group that had split the church, but continued to bother the remaining members with their ideas such as that Jesus was not the Messiah or had come to earth in the flesh. They saw themselves as some sort of spiritual elite, which is why John often reminded his readers that Christians are called to love one another, not look down on them.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

As a child, were you afraid of the dark? What kind of “monsters of the dark” scared you?

What does John mean by his statement in verse 5; “God is light”.

Note verses 6-10. These are called “if/then” clauses, which follow a pattern of “if this is true, then that also must be true”. What are the 5 items he addresses in these verses?

What is John exposing about God in verses 6-10?

What hope does John give when people fail to live in the light of God’s love?