

SHINE - 1 John 2:1-11

Memory Verse: 1 John 2:1 - “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.”

1. Jesus shines love in our lives by being our Advocate.

He is actively interceding for us all the time.

Psalm 119:105; 1 John 2:1; Luke 22:31-32

2. Jesus shines love in our lives by being our Propitiation.

He has absorbed the cost for our sin.

1 John 2:2; Romans 8:34

“The Cross has indeed propitiated (satisfied) God and has met His righteous demands so thoroughly that His grace and mercy are abundantly available to both saved and unsaved alike”. - **Walvoord and Zuck, Bible Knowledge Commentary**.

3. Jesus shines love in our lives through His Word. He wants us to know Him and be perfected by His love.

1 John 2:3-5a; 1 John 2:5b-6; 1 John 2:7-8; Ephesians 3:18-19; 1 John 2:9-11

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

1 John 2:12

1 John 2:13

1 John 2:14

1 John 2:15

1 John 2:16

1 John 2:17

Matthew 6:31-34

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you feel about Jesus being your advocate? How does it change your view of yourself?
2. Discuss propitiation. Unpack the words appease, satisfy, absorb in light of propitiation. Discuss wrath and why a holy God has wrath toward sin.
3. In verse 8, John says “the true light is already shining”. What do you think he means?
4. How is “love” related to “light”? How is “hate” related to “darkness”? Discuss.