

1 John 1:1-10

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1 John 1:1–8 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another,

1. Gnosticism was a prevalent _____ in the early _____ that created lots of _____, and John was writing to warn and correct teaching in the church caused by those who taught this heresy.

- Jesus did not have a physical body, he was a phantom or a hologram.
- Jesus was not God equal with the Father.
- The devil created the world not God and everything physical is evil.
- Sin is not what we do but what we believe.

2. John was writing to promote _____ and _____ in the churches even though there were heresies everywhere. **1 John 1:3-7**

3. _____ Churches are _____ churches. **Ephesians 5:25–27**

4. _____ in the church is being like the _____, true unity is _____ . **John 10:30, John 17:21, Romans 12:5**

5. The foundation or basic unity in a church is that there is no _____, _____ and _____. **1 Corinthians 1:11; 3:3; 11:18, 2 Corinthians 2:20**

6. Another key aspect of what unity looks like in a local church is that people are quick to _____ one another and that there is no _____. **Romans 12:16–21**

7. A very pro-active part of unity in a church is that those in it are committed to _____ for one another. **Ephesians 6:18**

- 8.** Healthy, growing, and unified churches are committed to _____ each another. **1 Timothy 2:8**
- 9.** A very strong characteristic of unified churches is that a high percentage of those in the church are a _____ part of the body _____ and _____ with one another for common goals. **Philippians 1:27, Genesis 11:6, Ephesians 4:16**
- 10.** A major part of the “Body Life” in a unified church is that those in the church are _____ out for and _____ in each other’s lives. **Phil. 2:1–5**
- 11.** God _____ and _____ unity in the Body of Christ.
- One of JBC’s key mottos over the years has been, “God doesn’t bless _____, He blesses unity.” **Deuteronomy 28:2-6, Psalms 133:1-3**
- 12.** A major _____ from God for _____ in a church is lots of people _____ to Jesus. **Mat. 5:13, Mark 9:50, John 17:20-21, 2 Pet. 3:9, 1 Tim. 2:3-4, Acts 4:32–33; 2:46-47**
- 13.** The _____ is _____ and has little influence in the environment of _____. **Mark 3:24-26, Revelation 12:10**
- 14.** Unified churches are _____ places that are filled with great _____ and _____. **Psalms 133:1-3, Acts 2:46, 1 John 1:5**
- 15.** People _____ in Christian _____ and _____ in a church that has a healthy environment. **John 17:22–23**
- 16.** For a church to be unified it takes a lot of _____ from many _____ people in the church. **1 Corinthians 1:10, Ephesians 4:3-4**
- 17.** God is _____ by the _____ of believers. **Rom. 15:5-6, Eph. 3:21**
- 18.** God _____ those who cause _____ in the “Body of Christ,” His Bride. **1 Corinthians 6:19–20; 3:16–17; 11:27–32; 11:18–21**
- 19.** God blesses and gives eternal _____ to those who _____ His Body and make her _____. **1 Corinthians 3:6–17**
- 20.** Churches that have unity will easily have _____ with _____ around them.