



"Lies We Believe"

1 John 1:5-10

Perfect Love: The Book of 1 John

1 John 1:5-10 "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. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar and his word is not in us."

Introduction: What we believe affects how we live.

1 John 1:5 "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."

John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Lie #1: God's way is not the best way.

Ephesians 5:11 "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them."

1 John 1:6 "If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice truth."

Lie #2: We can follow Jesus while living in sin.

James 2:14 "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?"

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

Lie #3: We can define sin how we want.

1 John 1:8 “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Romans 7:15 “For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.”

Lie #4: The sins I commit aren’t that bad.

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Lie #5: I’ve sinned too greatly to be forgiven.

1 John 1:10 “If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar and his word is not in us.”

Lie #6: Because I’m saved my sins don’t really matter.

Conclusion: What are we going to do about it?

James 1:22 “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Faith is believing God enough to do what He says.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1.) What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
- 2.) Are you naturally a more skeptical person or do you believe others easily?
- 3.) What are some lies about yourself or about God that you previously believed?
 - 3a.) Why do you think you believed those lies?
 - 3b.) How did God reveal those lies to you?
- 4.) Do you feel there are any lies that God is currently revealing to you?
- 5.) Can you think of some specific ways that your personal behavior reveals your belief?