

Pursuing a Relationship with God

John 1:3-2:6

1. Relationship is at the top of God's agenda.
 - A. 1 John 1:3 B. 1 John 1:6 C. 1 John 1:7
2. Sin is a big deal.
 - A. Because God's desire is that we would not sin. 1 John 2:1
 - B. Because God had to give His Son to deal with our sin.
 - 1 John 2:1-2
 - 1) Jesus is our defender before the Father.
 - 2) Jesus is the One who died for our sins.
John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God..."
 - C. Because knowing Him is to obey Him. 1 John 2:3-6
 - 1) Obedience is proof of relationship. Vs 3
 - 2) To ignore His commandments and claim a relationship with God is to be a liar. 1 John 2:4
 - 3) To obey is to love and be loved by God. 1 John 2:5
 - 4) If you claim to have a relationship with Jesus, live like He lived.

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

So what is John's word of encouragement?

1. You are no longer obligated to sin.
Romans 8:3-4, 12
"I write that you might not sin." 1 John 2:1
2. If we sin there is forgiveness if we turn from our sin and receive His forgiveness. Jesus paid the full penalty for our sins.
3. Armed with confession (forgiveness) and obedience, we are now able to have an uninterrupted relationship with the life-giving God.