

Fundamentals of Faith - A study of 1 John

God in His perfection cannot tolerate sin, so those who have not allowed Jesus' blood to cover their sin will be excluded from His presence.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. John 10:9

The gospel by its very nature is highly offensive because it demands personal change in both belief and practice.

23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." John 13:23-24

17 James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means "sons of thunder"), Mark 3:16-17

51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Luke 9:51-55

Properly loving people starts with fully understanding who Jesus is.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 1 John 1:1-2

3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3

4 We write this to make our joy complete. 1 John 1:4

John wanted his readers to experience the joy that comes from understanding the reality of Christ, the saving truth of the gospel and the fellowship that each Christian has with God and fellow believers.