

# sermon notes

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September 13, 2023 | "First Things First" | **1 John 2:1-6**

## What are three keys to living as Christ wants us to live?

1) First thing, we must \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2:1,2)

2) Second thing, we \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2:3,4)

3) Finally, we walk the way Jesus walked  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2:5,6)

### Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

#### GO DEEPER

Review 1 John 2:1-6. Why does John call the Church, "My little children"? Why does God want us not to sin? What does it mean that Christ "is our Propitiation"? Why does John call Jesus "the Righteous"?

What does it mean that God is no longer angry with us? John called us to "keep His commandments." What are the commandments of Christ? What is the first thing in keeping his commandments? How does the Lord Jesus teach his Church? What does it mean to "walk as Jesus walked"? How does a Christian "walk by faith and not by sight"?

#### GET PERSONAL

Read Matthew 11:28–30. What does Jesus say about his yoke? What is produced when we learn from Him? Think back on the times when you learned from the Lord. How did he teach you? What is the Lord teaching you from his word today? Do you know what it means to "walk as Jesus" walked in your personal life? Are you "walking by faith" and "not by sight"? What obstacles do you see in your life that try to discourage you from walking by faith?

#### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read Luke 10:38–42. Do you see, if any, connection between it and our passage from 1 John 2? Why did Jesus commend Mary, but correct Martha? What was Mary "doing" that received such approval from Christ?

Reflect on your daily life. Do you feel run down? Weary? Overwhelmed? Is there a place in your day to make time to be with Jesus? Do you think you need to set a time aside to "get away" with the Lord?

#### ADVANCED QUESTION

A major theme in 1 John is for Christians to love one another. How does learning from Jesus, by His word and through His Spirit, enable you to love the brethren? Has the Lord shown you how to love in recent days? Has there been an opportunity to love someone "unlovable"? What ways can you show the love of Jesus to your church, neighbors, and local community?