

Authentic Christianity; an Exposition of 1 John

WALK AS JESUS WALKED

1 John 2:1-6 Pew Bible p. 1207

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My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring. 1 John 3:18 NCV

Goal 1 John 2:1a

What goal should Christians strive for?

Why is sin an important issue?

Reality 1 John 2:1b-3

John recognizes that there will inevitably be times when Christians

_____.

Our goal is not to sin, but when we do, there is a remedy:

_____.

In what ways is Christ our remedy for sins?

Living between the Goal and the Reality

The true Christian lives in state of tension between the goal of _____ and the reality that we sin.

...let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us... Hebrews 12:1

How do many Christians seek to escape the tension between the goal and the reality?

What is the result of escaping the tension inherent in striving for victory over sins?

The Issue of Authenticity | John 2:3

How was authenticity an issue in John's church?

How is authenticity an issue in churches today?

The Standard of Right Behavior | 1 John 2:3-6

What are Christ's commands?

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. John 13:34

_____ Christians obey what Christ tells them to do.

What does John call a person who claims to be a Christian but does not live in a way that is consistent with what Jesus taught?

Walking as Jesus Walked

What does it mean to walk as Jesus did?

Is John saying that only those who obey Him perfectly are Christians?

Conclusion and Challenge

Truth to Take with You: *When you obey Christ, you testify that Christ has truly saved you. When you sin, your claim to be a Christian is called into question.*

Challenge: *Get serious about walking as Jesus walked.*