



Becoming 3D Disciples

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Walk as Jesus Walked

It is all about  
**Jesus**

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## Series – 3 Dimensional Disciples

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## Today – Walk as Jesus Walked

- question – ever tried to imitate anyone?
- ever had someone imitate you?
- ever thought of the influence you have on others by your example?

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## Setting for 1 John

- Older pastor – young congregation
- going through a painful time – confused and hurt
- some of the group has left 2:19
- clear disagreement between group

1:6 – claim they have fellowship – walk in darkness - lie

1:8 – claim they have no sin – deceive themselves

1:10 – claim they have not sinned – call Christ a liar

2:6 – claim to abide in the light – walk like Jesus did

2:9 – claim to be in the light – hates brother – darkness

4:20 - claim to love God – hates brother - liar

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- the argument from the false teachers
  - I can enjoy – fellowship with God, abide in Christ, love God, independent of how I live daily. Claim that you can enjoy assurance of standing sinless before God even if you walk in darkness, disobey God's commands, and hate your brother.
- 1 John 3:7 – don't let anyone lead you astray
- John clearing up the confusion – hard truth

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## 1 John 2:1-6

*"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

*<sup>3</sup> We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup> But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup> Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."*

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## 1. Step One – Knowing God

- ‘we know we have come to know him if we keep his commands’
- direct connection between what is in our hearts and our actions

### a) discovery critical

- many scholars, students have information – facts
- may know about God – don’t know God
- 4 levels of the gk word know
- what you know from God changes everything

- - Matt 11: <sup>27</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “

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- When you know that:
  - God Loves Us
  - God is all knowing and all powerful
  - God's plans for us are for blessing not harm
  - God desires relationship with you
  - God is a Father who longs to protect you, care for you, secure eternity for you, empower you for life
- John says – when you encounter the love and goodness of God – unthinkable that you would not trust that in making decisions on how to live your life

\* Knowing God - critical to obeying his commands\*

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## 2. Step Two – Trusting God With My Life vs. 3-5

- at some point we need to act on information
- False teaching encouraged – intellectual engagement, live as you desire or choose
- obedience is really a trust issue
  - Luke 19:11-27 – story of mina hidden in cloth
  - view of the master dictated action of servant
- if you view God as a severe master:
  - trying to withhold happiness we crave
  - not understanding your needs or desires
  - unconcerned about your struggles
- then obedience becomes a difficulty subject and choice

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- if you believe and are convinced of God's Love
- desires security, blessing, relationship, protection
- desires the best for your life
- obeying is a great joy – roadmap to life
- 1 John 5:1-3 *"<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,"*
- Matthew 11: *<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

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- John is clear – you cannot know God and pursue living for self
- when you know him – trust is evidenced in obedience to his commands
- prior to knowing God – what do I want
- after knowing God – what does God desire for me

## 3. Step Three – Walking Like Jesus

- vs. 6 – “Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did”
- Look at Jesus, servant, humbled self, forgiving, obedient to death on a cross, empowered, clear
- begin to walk like that in daily obedience

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1 John 5:13-18

***“This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.***

***God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”***

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## So What

1. We Live with the same false prophets and messages
  - how you live can be separated from what you believe and what Christ commands
  - important to be confronted by the truth – if we believe this we are deceived – not in the light
2. Need to Pursue Knowing God
  - begins with discovery and relationship
  - learn by encounter
3. Must Develop Trust
  - in what God has done
  - in who God is
  - in His plan for life and living

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## 4. Trust Must Be Evidenced in Obedience

- cannot claim to believe and live without obedience
- to trust and obey – that is the response

## 5. Don't Miss the Evidence of Repentance and Renewal

- 1 John 1:9
- 1 John 2:1-2
- Communion – time for realignment - obedience

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