

## Questions on 1 John chapter 1

1. The writer of this book was (1) John the Baptist; (2) John the Elder; (3) John the Apostle, “the disciple of the Lord.”

2. If John refers to Christ in the first few verses, how do we account for the fact that he used a neuter relative pronoun (that which) instead of a personal pronoun (he who)? Verse 1.

3. What three senses convinced John that Jesus was the embodiment of the “Word of life”? Verse 1.

4. What is the difference in seeing something with your eyes and looking upon (beholding, American Standard Version) it? Verse 1.

5. Would “handling” something convince a person that what he heard and saw was not a mere phantasm? Verse 1.

6. What qualified John to “bear witness and show unto you that eternal life”? Verse 2.

7. Can you think of any parallels between John 1:1-5 and 1 John 1:1-2?

8. Prior to the manifestation of the Word of Life, where was it (or He) and what does that imply? Verse 2.

9. What was John's stated purpose in declaring what he had seen and heard? Verse 3.

10. Is our fellowship (communion, joint participation) with other Christians only? Verse 3.

11. What is John's stated object in writing this epistle? Verse 4.

12. What was the message that John and the other apostles had heard from Christ that sums up the divine character? Verse 5.

13. What causes us to sin in word and deed, according to John? Verse 6.

14. Is truth something you can do? Verse 6.

15. What does it mean to “walk in the light”? Verse 7.

16. Is walking in the light conditional? Verse 7.

17. What two results follow from our walking in the light? Verse 7.

18. What may we infer about cleansing from the fact that the word is in the present tense (that is, cleanseth)? Verse 7.

19. What two things may be said about the person who claims to live above sin? Verse 8.

20. What is the difference in the sin of verse 8 and the sins of verse 9? Verse 9.

21. What is necessary for the forgiveness of sins (for Christians)? Verse 9.

22. What does it mean to confess? Verse 9.

23. How is it that we make God a liar if we deny the fact and reality of sin in our lives? Verse 10.

24. How does the reality of sin in our lives stress an on-going need for the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord? Verse 10.