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Sermon Notes for September 13th, 2026
“A Journey through the Book of 1st John”
“The Life & Light of Jesus Christ”

Sermon Text: **1 John 1:1-10**; Old Testament Text: **Psalm 119:105-112**; Gospel Text: **John 1:1-**

5. Read the passage below, then answer the questions

1 John 1:1-10: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1. **Read 1 John 1:1-3.** What important information does John impart to his readers in these three verses?

2. **Read 1 John 1:4.** Explain why *writing these things would make their joy complete*.

3. **Read 1 John 1:5.** To whom is John referring when he says, *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you?* To whom does the *him* refer?

4. In v. 5 what do *light* and *darkness* symbolize?

5. **Read 1 John 1:6.** How would you paraphrase this verse in your own words?

6. **Read 1 John 1:7.** Verse 7 says, “*and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*” Does this mean we are without sin? What does it mean?
7. **Read 1 John 1:8.** How do you explain the fact that all who believe in Christ remain *sinner*s even though they are saved?
8. **Read 1 John 1:9.** What does it mean to you when John says, “*God cleanses us from all unrighteousness?*”
9. **Read 1 John 1:10.** Why is understanding that we are *sinner*s such a vital necessity to understanding that we need Jesus in our lives?