### 6-24-18 What Completes You? 1John 2:1-11

We have seen the face of the eternal one. We have touched the creative one. He gave us a message from beyond, so that all of us can be in community.

## Chap 1

### God is light, there is no darkness in him at all

- We can't claim we have community with Him and walk by any other light. We are liars.
- If we walk in his light we have community and Jesus' blood continually purifies us.
- If we trust in <u>self-righteousness</u> we are fooling ourselves. We are in darkness without truth
- Sinning is the world <u>in us</u> and is <u>self-reflective</u>. It is God hating and self-loving
- If we keep confessing our sins, He is faithful and will forgive and purity us.
- If we claim we have not sinned, God is a liar and his word is not in us.

# Chap 2

- I tell you this so you might not sin.
  - But if you do, we have a Paraklete an advocate/intercessor with the Father, its Jesus
  - He can stand in for us before the Father because he stood in for us taking our punishment
  - Why would you want to live the old way of darkness that leads to death? It is in living and loving like Jesus that brings your completeness and you won't stumble
  - You can't claim a loving community with God and Jesus if you don't Love His kids too
  - If you don't, you are still stumbling around in darkness because Love is #1 with God
- Completeness: Jesus came to demonstrate that satisfaction from Temporal sources is temporary. Enjoy them if they are not sinful, don't worship them. Jesus died to make things right.

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- **Hebrews 1:3-4** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being,
- After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
- **Hebrews 7:23-25** <sup>23</sup> Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. <sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

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### **Ongoing Ministry**

Universal Lord returning the complete his work on behalf of the reign of the triune God.

**John 14:23-26** "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

In the Garden of Eden, humanity had a decision to make, is the existence shared with God enough or is there more? The search for more often results in turning the thing God sends as a blessing into the god we pursue.

If we desire, God aids us in our return to him by providing 1) an advocate to speak for us 2) and sustain us on our journey back to Paradise. Your fear often indicates you trust yourself too much

- Your fear may indicate that your more worried about disappointing others more than God.
- You have an advocate in you to guide you and when you fall short, you have an advocate to speak to God for you. Leave empowered not defeated