(1) 第二章

【約翰壹書:住在基督裡】

本卷書是信徒住在基督裡的經歷。作者約翰在晚年時因爲異端(特別是諾斯底主義 Gnosticism-推崇知識和靈異,而反對基督道成內身及人可以和 神相交)盛行而寫了此書。 此書的重點著重在 神的兒女因著住在耶穌基督裡而與 神相交,且活出那「起初原有」的生 命之道。

第二章重点:

- 1. 與神相交的實際 (續)——"遵守他的誡命" (1-11)
 - 不犯罪(1-2,接續1:5-11)
 - 遵守主道(3-6)
 - 新命令 (7-11)
- 2. 對收信者的鼓勵和警告(12-19)
- 3. 因著真理住在主裡面 (20-28)
 - 從主所受的恩膏使我們認識真理
 - 將所聽見的道常存在心裡
 - 按這恩膏的教訓住在主裡面

杳經問題:

- 1. 本章第一個分段中有三處"人若說"(中文譯本),請把它們找出來後,分享你對這一段聖經的領會。
- 2. "相交"帶來改變,從本章第一個分段中,你能舉出自己與神相交之後有相似的改變嗎?
- 3. 老約翰對"小子們","少年人",及"父老"分別有什麼鼓勵和警告?
- 4. 老約翰對"世界"的看法如何? 你有怎樣的回應? 這與我們操練"住在基督裡"有什麼相關?
- 5. 為什麼老約翰說"若將從起初所聽見的存在心裡,你們就必住在子裡面,也必住在父裡 面"?
- 6. 在過去兩週中,你有何具體的見證是有關"按這恩膏的教訓住在主裡面"?如果有,也 一起分享你住在主裡面所得著的福分。

Small Group Bible Study – 1 John

A book from a man abiding in Christ

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(2) Chapter 2

First John was written between A.D. 85-95 by the Apostle John, the author of the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation. The letter was circulated among a number of churches in Asia who were threatened by false teachers. These false teachers embraced an early form of heresy known as Gnosticism. They taught that matter was entirely evil and spirit was entirely good. This teaching resulted in errors of denying the "fellowship" between men and God. Therefore, this book is a book focusing on how God's children can have true "fellowship" with God and live out a life that can truly present their faith.

Chapter 2

- 1. The reality of having "fellowship" with God (continued) Obey His Commands (vv.1-11)
 - Do not sin (vv.1-2 which is the continuation of 1:5-11)
 - Keep the commandments of the Lord (3-6)
 - A new commandment (7-11)
- 2. Encouragement and warnings (12-19)
- 3. Abiding in the Lord according to the truth (20-28)
 - Let the anointing from the Holy One lead us to the truth
 - Let the truth abide in us
 - Let the anointing teach us to abide in the Lord

【Questions to reflect upon and discuss】

- 1. According to John, how can we tell whether we truly know Christ or merely claim to know him (1 John 2:3-6)? What other conclusions does John make about those who obey or disobey Christ's commands?
- 2. In 1 John 2:7-11, John focuses on one of the commands. How can this command be both old and new?
- 3. Why can there be no middle ground between our love for God and love for the world (1 John 2:15-17)?
- 4. Obviously John is NOT suggesting that all human teachers are unnecessary (1 John 2:27), or else he would not have written this epistle. In light of the problem he is addressing, what then is he saying? How does his instruction (1 John 2:27) help us understand what it means to abide in Christ?
- 5. In the past two weeks, do you have any practical experience of "abiding in Christ as the anointing teaches you"? If yes, please also share the blessings that you have received from abiding in Christ.