

## **Are You a Liar?**

**Text:** 1 John 1:3-2:11 (esp. 1:3)

### **Introduction:**

- I. **The claim to have fellowship with God.** (1:5-2:8)
  - a. The Proof (1:7) "If we walk in the light..."
    - i. Obedience and behavior (2:3-6)
    - ii. Confession and cleansing (1:9)
  - b. The Lie (1:6) "If we...walk in darkness..."
- II. **The claim to have fellowship with other Christians.** (2:9-11)
  - a. The Proof (2:10) "He who loves his brother..."
    - i. Not taking his life from him (3:11-15)
    - ii. Laying down your life for him (3:16-18)
  - b. The Lie (2:9) "He who...hates his brother..."

### **Conclusion:** (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)

The Lord's Table is a place for examination and restoration. Do you claim to walk with Jesus but live in consistent rebellion? Are you living with your boyfriend or girlfriend? Are you addicted to pornography? Do you live with habitual anger or envy? Do you hold a secret grudge? Do you gossip about someone else whom you dislike? If any of these are true, we must seek forgiveness from God and others, otherwise our claim to walk with Jesus is a lie.

### **Communion**