

## 1 John Series

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John's uniqueness and closeness to Jesus (review—Slide 2)

Excursus to answer a question raised by a mother of teenagers: (Slides 3 & 4)

ETHICS—"ought"/"should" (on what basis?)

subjective feeling = opinion ==> no objective evil? can't be lived out! ==> totalitarian-imposed ethics

EPISTEMOLOGY--how do I know something is true including what you are telling me?

subjective feeling = opinion ==> all conversation is merely autobiography, including your ideas about relativism

METAPHYSICS—what is reality? C/c or C/B?

John's answer: John 1:1-14

Review of John's overall uniqueness among the gospel writers (Slide 5)

Participation in the Upper Room Discourse (John 14-16)

Removal of Judas (13:1-11, 18-19)

"Know me" vocabulary (14:6-20) (Slide 6)

- Triune nature of God
- Implications for knowing the Father through knowing the Son
- Flow of Revelation
- Prayer in Jesus' name

[discussion here of essence and subordination within the Trinity with application to some current socio-political controversies]

"Keep my commandments/word" vocabulary (14:21-24)

"Loving Christ" vocabulary

"Truth" vocabulary (14:25-26; 16:7-14)

[important discussion here on difference between what the Bible means by "truth" and what contemporary culture views as "truth"]

- Implications for indwelling of the Holy Spirit

- Nature of Revelation