A dramatic sunset over a rocky coastline. The sky is filled with vibrant colors of orange, red, and purple, with wispy clouds catching the light. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. In the foreground, several dark, jagged rock formations stand in the shallow water, silhouetted against the colorful sky. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

The Gospel of Love

I John 1

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I John 1:1

- Introduction: Our study Bibles.
- “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.”
- Rev. 2:4 John 1:1-18 Luke 1:1-4

I John 1:2

- “The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.”
- What words in I John do you see in the Gospel of John?
- Let’s make a list.

I John 1:3

- “We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”
- “Fellowship” used 4 times in ch. 1
- Acts 2:42 II Cor. 6:14 / 13:14

I John 1:4

- “We write this to make our joy complete.”
- “Joy” is one of John’s favorite words.
- What does “joy” mean?
- Luke 10:21 John 15:11/16:24 /17:13
Acts 2:28/8:8/13:52 Romans 14:17

I John 1:5

- “This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”
- “Light and darkness” favorite expressions of John.
- John 3:19-21/8:12/9:5/12:35-36
- Romans 13:12 II Cor. 4:6 Eph. 5:8-9

1 John 1:6

- **“If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.”**
- **“I tell you the truth” a phrase used by Jesus 78 times in the Gospels.**
- **“Lies” John 8:44 Romans 1:25
Colossians 3:9 Hebrews 6:18**

I John 1:7

- “But 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, purifies us from all sin.”
- What are the benefits of “The blood of Jesus”?
- Give scriptures with your answer.

I John 1:8

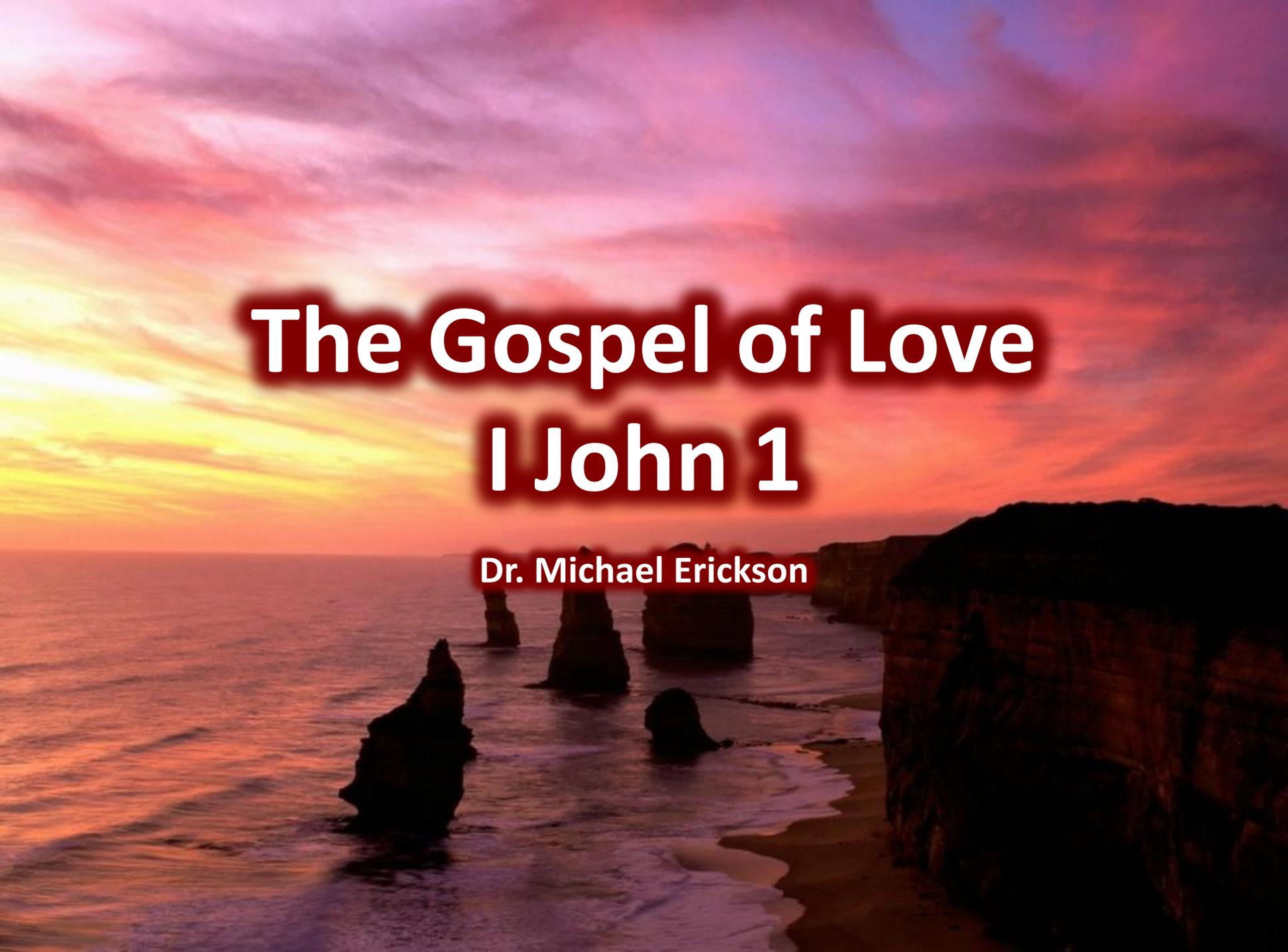
- “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”
- What is the definition of “sin”?
- “All have sinned” Romans 3:9-23
- What scriptures do you have on the issue of “sin”?

1 John 1:9

- “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”
- Why is the confession of sin so important?
- Give scriptures with your answer.

I John 1:10

- “If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.”
- What does this verse mean?
- Judges 17:6 “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.”

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