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## THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN

In addition to the epistles bearing his name, the apostle John also wrote the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation. He is referred to as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." John preached and lived the message of love, and it is the central theme of this epistle.

### CHAPTER 1 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The eleven apostles, who had personally lived and walked with the Lord Jesus during His earthly ministry, formed the basic core of authority for the early church. However, all of them at various times were challenged and their authority questioned.

In the first three verses, John refers to his personal experience with Jesus, which was the foundation of his ministry. Although we have not seen Jesus in the flesh, our foundation and authority rest on a similar experience. How close are we to Him? Do we hear His voice? Are we in touch with Him? Have we seen His glory? One who has personally experienced the presence of the Lord is a Christian who can teach others!

1. Who had John heard, seen and touched? v. 1 The Word.. Jesus the word of life
2. Since the apostles had seen and heard the Lord, what did John want to do? v. 2 shew unto you that eternal life... Show them
3. What is the purpose of the teachings presented in this letter? v. 4 that your joy may be full.
4. What assurance do we have about our God in verse 5? This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
5. What security do we have if we stay in the light? v. 7 we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
6. What does the Bible say about modern philosophies that proclaim "there is no sin" or that "good and bad exist only in the mind." v. 8 we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
7. How can we be cleansed and forgiven? v. 9 If we confess our sins
8. Memorize verse 9 and then write it here. if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleans us from ALL unrighteousness.
9. If we say there is no sin, what are we saying about the Lord? v. 10 we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## CHAPTER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. It is not the nature of those serving Christ Jesus to sin; but if any man does sin, what does he have? v. 1 we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

An advocate is a lawyer or someone who defends you. In verse 2, Jesus is called the "propitiation" for our sins, or the one who has taken our sins away.

2. According to verse 2, for whom did Jesus die? for the sins of the whole world.

After we are saved we are more aware of sin. We find that we **want** to be pleasing to God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can obey God.

3. How can we be sure that we really know the Lord? v. 3 if we keep his commandments.

4. What does verse 4 state about those who say, "I know the Lord," yet do not obey Him?  
He is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

If we say we are living in Christ, our life should be like His. (v. 6) This is a high goal, but verse 5 reveals we **can** be perfected if we keep His word.

This epistle has very clear and practical teaching on the greatest of all qualities in life--LOVE. Verse 7 says that the command to love one another is no new teaching. It has been taught as long as God has been speaking to man.

5. Where is one living if he hates his brother? v. 9 He is in darkness even until now.

6. What does the Bible say about a person who truly loves his brother? v. 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

7. What happens to a person who hates his brother? v. 11 He is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

John addresses three groups of people in verses 12-14: fathers, young men, and little children. By this he tells us that love is the first commandment regardless of our age.

8. What are we **not** to love? v. 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.

9. If we love the world, what will be absent from our lives? v. 15 the love of the Father is not in him.

What are the three categories of sin listed in verse 16?

10. the lust of the flesh, 11. and the lust of the eyes,

12. and the pride of life

13. No matter what great things men accomplish, what will happen to the whole world and all its lusts? v. 17 the world passeth away, and the lust thereof

14. Who will live forever? v. 17 but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

The rest of the chapter is about false teachers. All false teachers are antichrists! (v. 18) However, one great false teacher, the Antichrist, will arise in the last days.

15. If we have the Holy Spirit working in us, how much can we know? v. 20 all things.
16. Who is a liar? v. 22 he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ
17. Many people will talk about God, but they do not want to talk about Jesus. What does verse 23 say about anyone who denies the Son? the same hath not the Father

Verse 24 tells us not to forsake the simple message of salvation we heard when we first received Jesus Christ. Read II Corinthians 11:3.

18. What promise do we have if we steadfastly hold to the true gospel message? v. 25 even eternal life.

Verse 27 does not mean we do not need teachers, but rather that no "man" teaches us. When a person is anointed by the Holy Spirit, it is not he who teaches but the Lord who teaches through him.

19. According to verse 27, do **you** have the anointing? yes
20. What does this anointing do for you? v. 27 teacheth me of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught me I shall abide in him.
21. What are we told to do so that we will not be ashamed when the Lord returns? v. 28 abide in him

### CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What shows us the great love of God? v. 1 that we should be called the sons of God
2. Why doesn't the world know or understand us? v. 1 because it knew him not.
3. Even though we are the sons of God **now**, the fullness of God's plan is not complete. When He appears at the rapture, what will happen to us? v. 2 we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
4. As we keep this hope of His return in our hearts, what will it do in our lives? v. 3 purifieth ourselves, even as he is pure.

Beginning in verse 4, we return to the theme of this book--love. John begins by talking about sin and then points out that not loving the brethren is a sin.

5. Why was Jesus manifested, or for what purpose did He come? v. 5 to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

Verses 6 and 9 do not mean that we never sin again after we are saved. The real meaning here is that if we are saved we will not **continue** to practice sin.

6. If someone continues committing sin, he is of is of the devil. v. 8
7. Why was the Son of God manifested? v. 8 that he might destroy the works of the devil.
8. Why is it that we cannot continue in sin? v. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin

What two actions in verse 10 reveal the "children of the devil"?

9. whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is the message we have heard from the beginning? v. 11 that we should love one another.

The world may talk about peace and brotherhood, but never before has there been **less** peace and brotherhood. Even though all men know the message of love is true, without God man is not capable of real love.

When sin entered into men's hearts, real love was pushed out. Even the first human family experienced hatred and murder, and it is no different today.

12. Why did Cain kill his brother? v. 12 Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.
13. What lesson should we learn from this? v. 13 if the world hate you--we will be hated if we do righteousness
14. How do we know that we have passed from death unto life? v. 14 because we love the brethren.

People who say they are saved and yet have no desire to be in church and fellowship with their brethren should examine their hearts and make sure they have truly passed from death unto life.

15. What is a person who hates his brother? v. 15 a murderer:
16. What should the love of God cause us to do? v. 16 we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
17. Words alone do not express true love. How should we love? v. 18 but in deed and in truth.
18. "And hereby we know that we are of the truth, \_\_\_\_\_." v. 19
19. If our hearts are free from sin, what will we have? v. 21 then have we confidence toward God.
20. What is one way to make sure God will hear and answer our requests?  
v. 22 keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

#### CHAPTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Besides the teaching on love, a second theme runs throughout this epistle: false teachers. Although these two subjects seem unrelated, they are actually different aspects of the same teaching. The real foundation of a true ministry is love. One who teaches false doctrine clearly proves he does not love the ones he is teaching. If he really loves the Lord and God's people, he will take great care to make sure he is properly feeding the sheep.

1. Read John 21:15-17. What did the Lord tell Peter to do to show his love? \_\_\_\_\_  
Feed His Sheep

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2. In Ezekiel 34:1-6, the Lord cries out against false shepherds. Who are the false shepherds really feeding? Ezek. 34:2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Themselves

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3. According to I John 4:1, why should we try (test) the spirit of a teacher or prophet?  
because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

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4. What should every true prophet confess and teach? v. 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

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5. Why have we been able to overcome the spirit of antichrist and deception? v. 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

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6. Why are false teachers or prophets able to draw big crowds and build great "ministries"? v. 5  
They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world

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7. Who hears us when we speak? v. 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
he that knoweth God heareth us

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8. If someone does not love others, this indicates \_\_\_\_\_  
He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love

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9. Since God's love for us is so great, what should we do? v. 11 \_\_\_\_\_  
Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another

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10. No one has actually seen God, but how can His presence be known through our lives? v. 12  
If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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Verses 13, 15 and 16 contain three facts which confirm that we dwell in God and that He dwells in us. Write these facts found in the following verses.

11. v. 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

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12. v. 15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

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13. v. 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

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14. What will cast out all fear? v. 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
perfect love casteth out fear

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15. Why do we love God? v. 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
We love him, because he first loved us.

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16. Some people declare that they love God, and yet they harbor resentments or hatred for a brother. What are such people? v. 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
he is a liar

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## CHAPTER 5 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Chapter 4 established the principle that loving God and loving the brethren are inseparable. Loving the brethren is one way to prove our love for God. In chapter 5 we are told that we know we love the brethren by obedience to God. (v. 2)

1. What will show our love for God v. 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
that we keep his commandments

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When we are born again, we find that the world around us is opposed to God and the life of a Christian. The world system is based upon the pleasures of sin and the pursuit of material gain. The spirit of the world constantly seeks to weaken and distract Christians.

2. If we are born of His Spirit, what is our relationship with the world? v. 4 We overcome the world
3. Who overcomes the world? v. 5 he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

The New Testament was originally written in the Greek language. The word believe in Greek is a very strong word. It means to cling to and rely upon something with your whole life!

4. Verse 6 tells us that Jesus came by water and blood
5. According to John 19:34, what came out of Christ's side when He was pierced by the soldier?  
blood and water mingled
6. Verses 7 and 8 picture both heaven and earth bearing record to the truth of salvation. Who are the three that bear record in heaven? v.7 1. The Father  
2. The Word 3. The Holy Ghost
7. Which three testify on earth? v. 8  
1. The Spirit 2. The Water 3. The Blood

The Spirit testifies on earth because **now** the Holy Spirit dwells in us and gives us the ability to discern truth. In order to really **know** the truth of the Gospel, we receive the witness of God in our hearts. (v. 9)

8. According to verse 10, if we believe then what do we have? hath the witness in himself
9. What is the witness (record) which we have in our hearts? v. 11 that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
10. Memorize verse 12 and then write it here. He that hath the Son hath Life. He that hath not the Son of God (Christ Jesus) hath not life.
11. If you do not have Jesus Christ in your life, you will not have Life. v.12
12. Why did Jesus come? John 10:10 I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
13. According to Ephesians 2:1, how can a person breathe, walk, and talk and still not really be **alive**?  
With out being Quickened by the Lord you are not really alive, according to Eph 2:1
14. Why did John write these things? v. 13 that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God
15. What confidence do we have as we pass through this life? v. 14 that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

Verses 16 and 17 plainly declare that there is a sin unto death. This does not mean we have to fear committing some sin that cannot be forgiven. As long as we **want** forgiveness, we can have it! Read I John 1:9 again.

16. From whom are we protected if we are born again and keep ourselves from sin? v. 18  
and that wicked one toucheth him not.
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17. What are John's final words of instruction in verse 21?  
keep yourselves from idols.
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An idol is **anything** that takes the place of God in our lives.

## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN

This letter is addressed to the "elect lady and her children". The content and flow of this short epistle is similar to I John.

1. How long will the truth be with us? v. 2 and shall be with us for ever.
2. In what did John rejoice? v. 4 that I found of thy children walking in truth,
- As Christians, we share the same feeling. When we hear about someone who is "walking in truth", we rejoice!
3. What is the commandment that John emphasizes? v. 5 that we love one another.
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4. What are we exhorted not to lose? v. 8 that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.
5. If a person refuses the doctrine of Christ, then he does not have  
hath not God. v. 9
6. If he stays in the doctrine of Christ, then he has he hath both the Father and the Son.
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- What two things are we not to do if someone comes to our house proclaiming false doctrine? v.10
7. receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:
- 8.
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9. What would make John's joy full? v. 12  
but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face,
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## THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

John's third letter is written to Gaius, a beloved brother in the Lord, encouraging him to continue his hospitality. This short letter gives insight into the importance of being led by the Holy Spirit.

1. In verse 2, John wishes Gaius to succeed in his labors and be healthy in proportion to.  
even as thy soul prospereth.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was John's greatest joy? v. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ to hear that my children walk in truth.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. We can be sure that this "walk of truth" is also what pleases and rejoices the heart of God.  
What was Gaius doing faithfully? vv. 5,6 \_\_\_\_\_  
charity toward the brethren and toward strangers
4. When we help other Christians, we are fellow helpers to \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth. v. 8  
Gaius was walking in truth, but in the next three verses we are told of Diotrephes who was not submitting to authority and was guilty of slander.
5. Why wouldn't Diotrephes receive or accept what John wrote to the church? v. 9  
who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. According to Proverbs 16:18, what always goes before destruction? \_\_\_\_\_ pride  
Pride was the root of Diotrephes' rebellion--and all rebellion.  
According to verse 10, what three things was Diotrephes doing against other Christians?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith,  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would,  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ and casteth them out of the church.
10. Before John closes this letter, he speaks of a good Christian brother, Demetrius.  
What did Demetrius have of all men? v. 12 \_\_\_\_\_ hath good report of all men
11. What was John trusting would happen shortly? v. 14 \_\_\_\_\_  
I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face.  
\_\_\_\_\_

We too trust that **shortly** we will be able to see **all** the brethren face to face, and most of all, our Savior.

## THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

Although there are other men named Jude in the New Testament, it is generally accepted that the Epistle of Jude was written by the brother of the Lord Jesus. (Read Mark 6:3 and Matthew 13:54,55.) Even Jesus' brother, who grew up with Him and saw Him every day, accepted and proclaimed Him as Savior.

1. To whom is this epistle written? v. 1 to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:
2. What does the Lord want multiplied (not just added!) to our lives? v.2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love,
3. For what should we earnestly contend? v. 3 for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.
4. Why are we exhorted to contend for truth? v. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

This short epistle is the most intense teaching on false teachers and false brethren. Jude has a strict warning for us in verse 5. Many Jews whom the Lord saved out of Egypt were later destroyed for denying the faith.

5. The angels were once attendants at God's throne. Where are some of them now because they rebelled? v. 6 he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
6. What is the Lord's third example of destruction? v. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner  
Verses 8-21 deal with the wicked men who had crept in unawares and were destroying the unity and purity of the body. One of Satan's chief tools of destruction are these wolves in sheep's clothing who enter into the flock with their damnable heresies.

7. What are these false brethren called in verse 8? filthy dreamers  
Many times deceivers are themselves deceived and lost in the "filthy dream" of their own importance.

8. Of what three things were these dreamers guilty? v. 8 defile the flesh,
9. despise dominion,
10. and speak evil of dignities.

In verse 9 Jude tells us that it must be the **Lord** who stops these false teachers. Even Michael, the archangel of God, did not try to face the devil in his own strength.

11. What are the false brethren called in verse 10? as brute beasts
12. Who are the three men listed as bad examples in verse 11? Cain, Balaam and Core, (Korah)

13. Cain was guilty of offering the fruit of his **own** labors instead of the blood sacrifice that God required and ended up killing his brother. (Gen. 4:2-13) How does Jude compare the false teachers with Cain's sin? v. 11 and ran greedily speaking only what they know naturally

14. Balaam was a prophet of God who was hired to curse Israel. (Deut. 23:4; II Peter 2:15) How were the false teachers like Balaam? v. 11  
for reward they corrupt themselves.

15. In what way were the false teachers like Korah (Core)? v. 11 and perished in the gainsaying, creating division in the body.

Korah began a rebellion against the leadership. (Numbers 16:1-5, 28-33) Unfortunately, this pattern still existed in the church in Jude's day and even causes disunity **today**.

16. According to the first part of verse 12, were these rebellious, selfish dreamers inside or outside the church body?

17. What kind of clouds did Jude say they were? v. 12 when they feast with you, inside  
A cloud without water is just a puff of vapor!

To what are these false Christians likened? v. 13  
18. Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; 19. wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

20. Who prophesied of these men thousands of years ago? v. 14 Enoch

21. Enoch lived before the flood, and yet what great event did he foresee? v. 14 (See also Rev. 19:11-14 and I Thess. 3:13). the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, The Day of the Lord...

22. When the Lord returns, what will He do? v. 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

23. What are the first two things these false brethren are called in verse 16? murmurers, complainers,

We should be aware of the sinfulness and the destructive influence of murmuring and complaining.

24. About what had the apostles given warning? vv. 17,18 there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

In verse 20 we are told to build ourselves on our faith. What three ways are given in verses 20 and 21 to do this?

25. praying in the Holy Ghost,

26. 1 Keep yourselves in the love of God,

27. looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Verses 22 and 23 say that some Christians are deceived by others and do not know better. Jude tells us we are to have compassion on them.

28. "And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

29. What has spotted their garments because of their involvement with false doctrines and teachers?  
v.23 spotted by the flesh.
30. What is God able to do? v. 24 to keep you from falling
31. Write out verse 25. to the only wise God our Saviour be, dominion and majesty glory and power now and forever,  
Amen

This short letter written by Jude is a challenge to love, hold to, and stand for the truth of God's word. We should be thankful for the opportunity to "study to show ourselves approved unto God." (II Tim. 2:15) A good foundation in God's word will keep our garments from being "spotted by the flesh" and will enable us to take part in the glorious scene recorded in verse 24! Therefore, you are encouraged to continue with the next course in this Christian Worker Bible Study Series as soon as possible.

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