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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 _____
2. Since the apostles had seen and heard the Lord, what did John want to do? v. 2 _____

3. What is the purpose of the teachings presented in this letter? v. 4 _____

4. What assurance do we have about our God in verse 5? _____

5. What security do we have if we stay in the light? v. 7 _____

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 _____

7. How can we be cleansed and forgiven? v. 9 _____
8. Memorize verse 9 and then write it here. _____

9. If we say there is no sin, what are we saying about the Lord? v. 10 _____

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 _____

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? _____

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 _____

4. What does verse 4 state about those who say, "I know the Lord," yet do not obey 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 _____

6. What does the Bible say about a person who truly loves his brother? v. 10 _____

7. What happens to a person who hates his brother? v. 11 _____

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 _____

9. If we love the world, what will be absent from our lives? v. 15 _____

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

10. _____ 11. _____

12. _____

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

14. Who will live forever? v. 17 _____

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 _____
16. Who is a liar? v. 22 _____
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? _____

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 _____

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? _____
20. What does this anointing do for you? v. 27 _____
21. What are we told to do so that we will not be ashamed when the Lord returns? v. 28 _____

CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1. What shows us the great love of God? v. 1 _____
2. Why doesn't the world know or understand us? v. 1 _____
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 _____
4. As we keep this hope of His return in our hearts, what will it do in our lives? v. 3 _____

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 _____

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 _____. v. 8
7. Why was the Son of God manifested? v. 8 _____
8. Why is it that we cannot continue in sin? v. 9 _____

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

9. _____
10. _____
11. What is the message we have heard from the beginning? v. 11 _____

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 _____
13. What lesson should we learn from this? v. 13 _____
14. How do we know that we have passed from death unto life? v. 14 _____

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 _____
16. What should the love of God cause us to do? v. 16 _____
17. Words alone do not express true love. How should we love? v. 18 _____
18. "And hereby we know _____." v. 19
19. If our hearts are free from sin, what will we have? v. 21 _____
20. What is one way to make sure God will hear and answer our requests?
v. 22 _____

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? _____

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

3. According to I John 4:1, why should we try (test) the spirit of a teacher or prophet?

4. What should every true prophet confess and teach? v. 2 _____

5. Why have we been able to overcome the spirit of antichrist and deception? v. 4 _____

6. Why are false teachers or prophets able to draw big crowds and build great "ministries"? v. 5

7. Who hears us when we speak? v. 6 _____
8. If someone does not love others, this indicates _____

9. Since God's love for us is so great, what should we do? v. 11 _____

10. No one has actually seen God, but how can His presence be known through our lives? v. 12

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 _____
12. v. 15 _____
13. v. 16 _____
14. What will cast out all fear? v. 18 _____
15. Why do we love God? v. 19 _____
16. Some people declare that they love God, and yet they harbor resentments or hatred for a brother. What are such people? v. 20 _____

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 _____

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 _____
3. Who overcomes the world? v. 5 _____

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 _____ and _____
5. According to John 19:34, what came out of Christ's side when He was pierced by the soldier?

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. _____
2. _____ 3. _____
7. Which three testify on earth? v. 8
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

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? _____

9. What is the witness (record) which we have in our hearts? v. 11 _____

10. Memorize verse 12 and then write it here. _____

11. If you do not have Jesus Christ in your life, you will not have _____. v.12
12. Why did Jesus come? John 10:10 _____
13. According to Ephesians 2:1, how can a person breathe, walk, and talk and still not really be **alive**?

14. Why did John write these things? v. 13 _____

15. What confidence do we have as we pass through this life? v. 14 _____

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

17. What are John's final words of instruction in verse 21? _____

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 _____

2. In what did John rejoice? v. 4 _____

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 _____

4. What are we exhorted not to lose? v. 8 _____

5. If a person refuses the doctrine of Christ, then he does not have _____

_____. v. 9

6. If he stays in the doctrine of Christ, then he has _____

What two things are we not to do if someone comes to our house proclaiming false doctrine? v.10

7. _____

8. _____

9. What would make John's joy full? v. 12 _____

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.

2. What was John's greatest joy? v. 4 _____

We can be sure that this "walk of truth" is also what pleases and rejoices the heart of God.

3. What was Gaius doing faithfully? vv. 5,6 _____

4. When we help other Christians, we are fellow helpers to _____ 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

6. According to Proverbs 16:18, what always goes before destruction? _____

Pride was the root of Diotrephes' rebellion--and all rebellion.

According to verse 10, what three things was Diotrephes doing against other Christians?

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

Before John closes this letter, he speaks of a good Christian brother, Demetrius.

10. What did Demetrius have of all men? v. 12 _____

11. What was John trusting would happen shortly? v. 14 _____

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 _____

2. What does the Lord want multiplied (not just added!) to our lives? v.2 _____

3. For what should we earnestly contend? v. 3 _____

4. Why are we exhorted to contend for truth? v. 4 _____

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 _____

6. What is the Lord's third example of destruction? v. 7 _____

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? _____
Many times deceivers are themselves deceived and lost in the "filthy dream" of their own importance.
Of what three things were these dreamers guilty? v. 8
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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? _____
12. Who are the three men listed as bad examples in verse 11? _____

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 _____

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 _____

15. In what way were the false teachers like Korah (Core)? v. 11 _____

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 _____

A cloud without water is just a puff of vapor!

To what are these false Christians likened? v. 13

18. _____ 19. _____

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

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). _____

22. When the Lord returns, what will He do? v. 15 _____

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

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 _____

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. _____

26. _____

27. _____

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 _____

29. What has spotted their garments because of their involvement with false doctrines and teachers?
v.23 _____
30. What is God able to do? v. 24 _____
31. Write out verse 25. _____

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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