

Bible Studies on 1st, 2nd & 3rd John.

A series of 13 studies on the letters of the Apostle John
to whet your appetite for Christian living.

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Bible Study #1 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John

The Light of Life

Ask God to bless His Word to you, then read through the questions to see what to look out for as you read the passage.

Bible Reading 1 John 1:1-10

SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 1:7

Walking in the Light.

1. What qualified John to take on to write this message about Christianity?
2. What reasons did he give for writing about these things?
3. What word picture does John use to illustrate the nature of God?
4. Why does he say this is a suitable metaphor?
5. John describes how the Christian can live a lie! How?
6. What are the consequences of living in true fellowship with God?
7. To claim sinless perfection what do you do to yourself?
8. To claim sinless perfection what statement do you make about God?
9. If we are imperfect how can we become acceptable to the God who is Holy?
10. The privilege of having God's message entrusts us with what responsibility?

Bible Study #2 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John. The genuine Christian!

Bible Reading 1 John 2:1-6.

Recognized by your obedience!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 2 : 5-6.

1. Why do you think John uses this opening term of endearment with his readers?

2. What urgent plea is he writing to them about?

3. Why is such a plea necessary?

4. What qualifications are given to prove that Jesus can meet the sinner's need?

5. What is Jesus' atoning sacrifice sufficient for?

6. What is totally inconsistent for the Christian to say and do?

7. What does John call the phoney Christian, and why?

8. What will identify the genuine Christian from others?

9. What is the consequence of obedience to God's Word?

10. What does John set as the standard every Christian must strive to attain?

Bible Study #3 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John.

Family traits!

Bible Reading 1st John 2:7-14.

The Family bond of Love!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 2 : 9.

1. Why do you think John uses **this** opening term of endearment with his readers?
2. What is the “old command” that John updates to a “new” and superior one having a higher motivation as found in Jn. 13:34-35?
3. What are some of the indications and effects of still being in the darkness?
4. How does John say the “true Light” is manifest?
5. What false claims that some make are exposed in this passage by John?
6. John classifies his readers in 3 different groups in this passage. What are they?
7. What truths unite his readers as “**children**” of the same family?
8. What spiritual maturity identifies those John addresses as “**fathers**”?
9. What qualities indicate vibrant “**youth**”ful spiritual development in his readers?
10. What action is John taking here to encourage these various readers?

Bible Study #4 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John.

Do not love!

Bible Reading 1st John 2:15-27.

Anti-God and antichrist!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 2 : 15.

1. We have seen that we must have "Love", but what is it we are not to love?

2. What two "loves" can not abide together?

3. What traits are not from God but identify things as being "from the world"?

4. What is contrasted to the passing and fleeting longings of this world?

5. What event will mark the "last hour" of this temporary world we live in?

6. What "anti-Christ"ian behaviour will be an indicator of the "last hour"?

7. How is the true Christian able to discern truth from error?

8. What basic test can help to readily identify "anti-Christ"ian beliefs?

9. What does having a wrong concept of Jesus deprive one of?

10. What two-way relationship is vital to prevent the true believer being led astray?

Bible Study #5 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John. Children going home!

Bible Reading 1st John 2:28-3:10.

Ready and waiting for His coming!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 3 : 3.

1. What must we do if we are to be ready and eager for Jesus' return?
2. How will those who are children "born of God" be identified?
3. What is the position and privilege God has placed us in showing His love for us?
4. Why does the world not recognise or acknowledge the true Christian?
5. Note what the true Christian DOES know and what he does NOT know.
6. How should the blessed hope of our eternal state with God affect our everyday life?
7. From an earlier study - How can we achieve such a state in our everyday life?
8. What qualifies as sin?
9. Has sin any control over Jesus?

Has Jesus any control over sin?
10. How do we distinguish what is of God and what is of the Devil? Why did you and I need Jesus to come on the scene?

Bible Study #6 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John.

Genuine love!

The extent of true love!

Bible Reading 1st John 3:11-24.

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 3:16.

1. What is the unchanging message God has for His people throughout all ages?
2. What aroused one of the very first violations of this teaching?
3. Find the “Do not”s to do and the “Do not”s not to do!
4. In these verses what six things are we told that we should “know”?
5. What does our love, or lack of love, for our brothers (our fellow Believers) indicate?
6. What supreme demonstration does John use to define love & to provoke us to love?
7. How are we told we can we manifest our genuine love for our fellow Believer?
8. What other blessings result from our genuine expressions of love to others?
9. What summary of God’s command to us is given here?
10. How does our obedience to His commands affect our fellowship with God?

Bible Study #7 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John. Recognise truth!

Bible Reading 1st John 4:1-6.

Knowing Jesus (Saviour) Christ (Messiah)!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 4 : 4.

1. What is out there in the world that we need to be aware of?

2. How are we to protect ourselves from false prophets?

3. How are we to rightly identify the true Spirit of God?

4. How are we to rightly identify the spirit of anti-christ?

5. When are we to expect the anti-christ to be active?

6. What is it that the “children” who are from God have been able to overcome?

7. What is the secret of their victory?

8. Why is it that the errors of the spirit of the world are well received by so many?

9. When God’s people speak God’s Word faithfully what can they expect?

10. How are the different “spirits” at work around us described and identified?

Bible Study #8 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John. The vital ingredient!

Bible Reading 1st John 4:7-16.

God's love for us and in us!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 4 : 11.

1. What are Christians as "friends" exhorted to do? And why?

2. How critical is it that we should manifest genuine love for one another?

3. Why should knowing God and belonging to Him be evidenced in us manifesting love?

4. How did God manifest His tremendous love?

5. What consequence of God's dealings with us should we manifest in our lives?

6. As no one has ever seen God how can God's love be manifest in our day?

7. What other evidence, as well as our love for one another, is in the Christian's life?

8. What was the clear witness and testimony of John and the other apostles?

9. Identify the different ministries of the Persons of the Trinity in God!

10. What does the believer's confidence rest upon?

Bible Study #9 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John. Evidences of true love!

Bible Reading 1st John 4:16b -5:5.

Loving God and His commands!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 4 : 21.

1. What aspect of the nature of God does John bring us back to for the second time in this chapter?

2. Where is the world expected to see the love of God mirrored?

3. What future effect (on the day of judgment) will our present likeness to God have upon us?

4. If we truly have adopted the love of God, what will we not have within us?

5. What is the origin and explanation of Christian love?

6. What test of the genuineness of a person's love for God is given here?

7. What are we told a person must do to be "born of God"?

8. How can we test the genuineness of our love for the children of God?

9. Who is the person who will find the commands of God are not an undesirable restraint?

10. Who can ever achieve such victorious living in this godless world and society?

Bible Study #10 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John. Testimony of God!

Bible Reading 1 John 5:6 -12

God's offer of Eternal Life!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 5:12.

1. What do you think John means by "water and blood" as being two clear identifying characteristics of Jesus Christ?(See John's use of "born of water" in Jn 3:5-6.)
2. How **did** the Spirit testify to both the humanity and the divinity of Jesus Christ?
3. What special irrefutable testimony does John refer to for identifying the Person of Jesus Christ?
4. We readily accept the testimony of man to verify facts of life - why should we have no reservations about the testimony and evidence we have access to about Jesus Christ?
5. To believe that Jesus is the Son of God (and to accept all He stands for) is not just a decision that will affect the mind - what other influence will it have on us?
6. Apart for rejecting the one and only Saviour for mankind, what great crime is there in denying that Jesus is the Son of God?
7. What is the "gift" God has offered to sinful mankind, and how is that gift made available to us?
8. Is there any assurance to be had in this life of God's good plans for us in Christ?
Give other Scriptures to support your answer.
9. What is not possible for the person to possess if he/she refuses to believe in the Son of God?
10. Expand on what you would really believe if you truly accept that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Bible Study #11 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John. Blessed assurance!

Bible Reading 1st John 5:13-21.

Things we know with confidence!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 1 JOHN 5:13.

1. What initial reason did John give for writing to those who already believed in Jesus Christ, that Son of God?
2. John gives another wonderful consequence for the Believer. What is it?
3. The wages of sin is (Rom 6:23.) What sin could John be referring to – “a sin that does not lead to death”?
4. Can you explain why John says there is no point in praying for a certain “brother”?
5. What is a distinctive characteristic of the person who is truly “born of God”?
6. What (Who) is it that enables the one born of God to overcome sin?
7. Why do certain people not need to fear the power of evil that abounds in the world today?
8. What are the things John lists here that we “know” as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ?
9. What is the Believer “in” that makes him/her unique?
10. What must the believer be on the alert not to be deceived by?

Bible Study #12 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John. Walking with God!

Bible Reading 2nd John 1:1-13.

Walk in truth, in obedience and in love!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 2 JOHN 1 : 6.

1. What is the bond of love that John has with this “chosen lady and her children”?
2. What is the three-fold blessing John speaks of? And why can we be doubly sure of it?
3. How does John describe what he means by “walking in the truth”?
4. What is the original command – one that has never changed but is always relevant?
5. How is obedience to this command to be displayed?
6. What four facts does John tell us about the antichrist in verse 7?
7. What can you be robbed of by being deceived by an antichrist?
8. What teaching are you not to go beyond or replace? And why not?
9. How are we to respond to deceivers who are promoting false teachings?

Why are we to respond in this way?
10. How does keeping in contact with fellow-believers prove to be a blessing?

What is the best way of keeping contact?

Bible Study #13 in 1st, 2nd & 3rd John. Spiritually healthy!

Bible Reading 3rd John 1:1-14.

Walking faithful to the truth!

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SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSE 3 JOHN 1 : 11.

1. What did John compare Gaius' physical health to?

Would you be happy if your physical health was to be directly linked in that way?

2. What evidence was there of spiritual wellbeing?

3. How did John suggest Gaius could further demonstrate his love for others in the family of God?

4. What people in particular did Gaius help?

5. How can we work together with those who go out from us to serve the Lord?

6. Why should we not want to be like Diotrephes?

7. What must we learn to imitate, and why?

8. Why should we want to be like Demetrius?

9. How was John hoping to encourage the believers?

10. Compare John's closing greeting with the language of John 20:19; also his recorded references to "friends" repeatedly used by Jesus in Jn.15.