

The Book of 1st John

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
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INSTRUCTIONS or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

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2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

1 John - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What was John going to proclaim concerning the Word of life? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What kind of life appeared that John is telling about? _____ . Verse _____
3. Where was the “eternal life” before it appeared to John and others? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What was the purpose for John writing about these things? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What is the result of claiming to have no sin? _____
_____ And
of claiming we have sinned? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Mark T or F and the verse where your answer is found.)

6. _____ This is an account written by an eye witness to Jesus Christ the Son of God.
7. _____ John claims to have fellowship with God and with his Son, Jesus Christ.
8. _____ With God there are some grey areas, not everything is light or dark.
9. _____ God forgives every sin except homosexuality, divorce, and unfaithfulness.
10. _____ God can be faithful and just and still forgive our sins.

YES OR NO

(Mark Y or N and the verse where your answer is found)

11. _____ Is John writing about something that he has personal knowledge about through experience?
12. _____ Can we walk in darkness and have fellowship with God?
13. _____ When we have fellowship with God, do we also have fellowship with one another?
14. _____ Is confession of sin necessary for forgiveness of sin?
15. _____ Can God purify us from ALL unrighteousness?

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1 JOHN - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What happens if a Christian sins? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. How can we know that we know Jesus Christ? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What does John say about the man (or woman) that hates his brother? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. The world passes away, but what happens to the person who does the will of God? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. Who does John call the liar? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE
(Mark T or F and the verse where your answer is found.)

6. _____ John was writing a new command to the people.
7. _____ This letter was written to children, young men and fathers.
8. _____ If a person loves the world, boasts about what he does and what he has, he has a real problem.
9. _____ A person can deny Christ and still have access to God the Father.
10. _____ The message they heard in the very beginning is not enough to carry them through to the very end.

YES OR NO
(Mark Y or N and the verse where your answer is found)

11. _____ Can you actually know God and not obey his commands?
12. _____ Can God's love be complete without obeying His commands?
13. _____ If you love the world, are you able to love God?
14. _____ Was someone trying to lead them astray?
15. _____ Does continuing in Christ give confidence when he comes again?

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1 JOHN - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Give a short (one word) definition for sin. _____ . Verse _____
2. Why did Jesus, the Son of God, come to the earth? _____ . Verse _____
3. Why did Cain murder Able? _____ . Verse _____
4. How can we know what love is? _____ . Verse _____
5. What happens when our hearts do not condemn us? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Mark T or F and the verse where your answer is found.)

6. _____ We are children of God right now.
7. _____ Every child of God will love his brother but anyone who hates his brother is a murderer.
8. _____ Since Christ laid down his life for us, we do not have to lay down our lives for anyone.
9. _____ To love in words and truth is enough.
10. _____ God will give us anything we ask in the name of Christ, no strings attached.

YES OR NO

(Mark Y or N and the verse where your answer is found)

11. _____ Have we been told everything about the future and what we shall be like?
12. _____ Is it possible for a Christian to commit a sin and still be a Christian?
13. _____ If the world hates us, should we be surprised?
14. _____ Does our Christianity require that we help someone who has a physical need?
15. _____ Does God actually command that we love his Son, and each other?

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1 JOHN - Chapter 4
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why should we test every spirit? _____ . Verse _____
2. Explain how we can recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. _____ . Verse _____
3. How did God show his love to us? _____ . Verse _____
4. How do we know that we live in him and he in us? _____ . Verse _____
5. What makes it possible for us to be able to love? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Mark T or F and the verse where your answer is found.)

6. _____ The spirit of antichrist does not acknowledge that Christ has come in the flesh.
7. _____ The one who is in you is not as great as the one in the world.
8. _____ If we have his Spirit we can rely on the love God has for us.
9. _____ Complete love can only be known in heaven, not here on earth.
10. _____ If we cannot love someone whom we can see, we will not be able to love someone we cannot see.

YES OR NO

(Mark Y or N and the verse where your answer is found)

11. _____ Are there good and bad spirits?
12. _____ Will the world listen to us when they know we are from God?
13. _____ Is loving other Christians something we all should do?
14. _____ If we do not acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God, can we rely on God's love?
15. _____ Can anyone love and hate at the same time?

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1 JOHN - Chapter 5
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What does John call “love for God”? _____ . Verse _____
2. What are the three witnesses? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What is God’s testimony in this chapter? _____ . Verse _____
4. Once again, why did John write this letter? _____ . Verse _____
5. Why is it that a Christian cannot continue to sin? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Mark T or F and the verse where your answer is found.)

6. _____ Our love overcomes the world.
7. _____ God’s testimony is greater because it is God’s testimony.
8. _____ It is possible for someone to believe God’s testimony and still not have eternal life.
9. _____ We can ask God for anything and he will give it to us.
10. _____ Jesus Christ is the true God and eternal life.

YES OR NO

(Mark Y or N and the verse where your answer is found)

11. _____ In order to love God do we have to obey him?
12. _____ Has God given us eternal life by sending us his Son?
13. _____ Are we to pray for everyone who sins no matter what sin he commits?
14. _____ Does all sin lead to death?
15. _____ Is the whole world under God’s control?

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