

1) Make a list of contrasting words or phrases that John used (for example: light and darkness [1:5, 2:8]). What general truth about the Christian life do these opposite terms illustrate?

2) What can you ascertain about the growing problem the church faced near the turn of the first century from the following verses: 1 John 2:18, 26; 3:7; 4:1, 3, 6; 2 John 7-8; 3 John 4, 11?

3) According to these verses, what can you “know” and how can you know it?

- a) 1 John 2:3
- b) 1 John 2:5-6
- c) 1 John 2:18
- d) 1 John 3:16
- e) 1 John 3:18-20
- f) 1 John 3:24
- g) 1 John 4:6
- h) 1 John 4:16-17
- i) 1 John 5:14-15
- j) 1 John 5:18-20
- k) 1 John 5:12-13 (when John said, “I write *these things*,” he seemingly referred to everything he had written)

Read 1 John 1-2.

- 4) Which verses in chapters 1-2 set the bar very high for those who follow Christ? Which verses give proof that God makes provision for our failures?
  
- 5) According to 1 John 2 and what you have discovered so far in 1 John, what is the spirit of antichrist (see also 1 John 4:1-6)? What evidence do you see that this spirit is present in the world today?
  
- 6) Reread 1 John 2:15-16. From what kind of worldly cravings, lust, or boasting do you need to be freed? Is there anything in your life that you have perhaps failed to recognize as “worldly”?

Read 1 John 3-5.

- 7) What contrast does John draw between Cain and Jesus in 3:11-20?
  
- 8) According to these verses, whom is the Christian especially called to love and how is this love to be manifested: 3:14, 16-18; 4:7, 9-11, 20-21; 5:1-2 (also 2:10)?
  
- 9) Name some specific ways you can to apply the teaching in 1 John 3:11-24, 4:7-5:2 to your present life, in action as well as in attitude.

From 1 John:

- 10) According to 1 John 1-5, what proves the existence of true fellowship with the Father? What indicates that fellowship between an individual and God is non-existent (include references)?

**11)** According to 1 John, how are love, obedience (right living), and faith (belief) related to one another? Include references.

**12)** Reread 1 John 4:1-6. Which teaching(s) that prevail in your culture (overt or subliminal) need to be tested by you and which of these messages have you (at least in part) “bought into”?

Read 2 John and 3 John.

**13)** Compare 2 John 10 and 3 John 8. What admonition is presented as both a positive and a negative command?

**14)** List themes that are common to:

**a)** 2 John and 3 John

**b)** 1, 2, and 3 John

**15)** In the last lesson, you were asked to consider a deceived individual for whom you would pray. What have you learned in 1, 2, and 3 John that could help you know how to pray more specifically?