



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

that you may
KNOW
that you have
ETERNAL LIFE

1, 2, & 3 JOHN STUDY

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Introduction to 1, 2, and 3 John

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 1 John 1:1-4

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

And this is **eternal life**, that they **know** you,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
John 17:3

The theme of 1 John is *fellowship with God* – knowing Him.

The foundation of this fellowship is Jesus Christ.

The fruit of that fellowship is gospel living – transformed living.

*Three kinds of fruit: Obedience -keeping God's commands
Faith (truth) – believing Jesus to be the Son of God
Love – for God and His people*

The three fruits of fellowship with God provide a wonderful mirror for us to look into, humbly examining ourselves. Are we zealous to keep God's commands? Do we hold tightly to our belief in Jesus as the Son of God? Do we live a life of love for God and His people?

True fellowship with God is radically and personally transformational. When God touches us by His grace, we will never be the same again.

2 and 3 John – *A Gospel Worth Contending For*

2 John: a call to guard the truth

3 John: a call to support those who contend for the truth

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.
3 John 4

(*Words in italics are adapted from Everyday Gospel Bible by Paul Tripp)

1, 2, 3 John - Lesson 1

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

1 John 1:1-4

“- the life was made manifest, and we have seen it,
and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life.
which was with the Father and was made manifest to us -”

1 John 1:2

Day 1 & 2 – Read 1 John 1:1-4

Ask God by His Spirit to teach you as you begin this study of 1 John. Thank Him for His Word.

- 1) At the beginning of this letter, John is speaking about Jesus. List below the physical senses he conjures up as he recalls his experience.

Who do you think is the “we” referenced in these verses?

- 2) Read the following passages looking for John’s presence in each narrative. For each passage, note anything significant John saw, heard, or touched.

Luke 5:1-11	
Luke 8:40-56	
Luke 9:28-36	

John 6:1-14	
John 6:14-21	
John 9:1-7	
John 11:5-15,25, 28-44	
John 13:1-29	
John 19:16-30	
John 20:1-9	
Luke 24:36-40	

According to John 20:30-31, why did John write the gospel of John?

How do these physical experiences of Christ encourage you or increase your faith?

Day 3

- 3) How do Genesis and the gospel of John begin similarly to 1 John?

Why is it significant that the triune God existed before and was present and active in the beginning?

- 4) John 1:1-18 is a parallel passage to 1 John 1:1-4. List the parallels you note.

John 1:1-18	! John 1:1-4

- 5) Read carefully through 1 John 1:1-4 again. List all the ways Jesus is described or referenced.

- 6) What does Jesus say about Himself in John 11:25 and 14:5?

- 7) Meditate on the truth that Jesus is life.

From what other sources do you seek life other than Jesus?

Day 4

- 8) Fellowship is mentioned twice in 1 John 1:3-4 and will continue to be a key term in our study. Define fellowship.

With whom is the fellowship mentioned?

How does this shape or change you about what it means to be a Christian?

- 9) The word “proclaim” is used twice in 1 John 1:2 & 3. Define proclaim.

What specifically is John proclaiming?

10) For what two reasons is John proclaiming and writing according to 1 John 1:3-4?

1.

2.

How are these reasons related to each other?

Day 5

11) Here are two definitions of joy. Mark/highlight key phrases or words in each definition.

A good feeling in the soul
produced by the Holy Spirit
as He causes us to see
the beauty of Christ
in the Word and in the world.
(John Piper)

The settled assurance that God is in control
of all the details of my life,
the quiet confidence
that ultimately everything is going to be alright,
and the determined choice
to praise God in every situation.
(Rick Warren)

What is your response to these definitions?

12) What do you think it means for joy to be complete?

13) Why does the complete joy of John and the others depend on his readers' understanding and embracing Jesus?

Do you find joy in the proclamation and acceptance of the gospel? Why or why not?

14) Read John 17:3 and record Jesus' definition of eternal life. How does this broaden your understanding of 1 John 1:1-4?

When does eternal life begin?

How has knowing Jesus Christ been life-giving to you?

15) Even though you haven't heard, seen, or touched the Word of Life, in what ways are you qualified to testify concerning Him?

16) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

17) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 2

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

1 John 1:5 – 2:2

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Day 1 – Read Exodus 3 & 4.

God’s Word is breathed out by Him. Thank Him that it brings us life.

1) What message has been heard and proclaimed according to 1 John 1:5?

2) List below all the things you know light does.

Summarize what it means that God is light.

3) How is darkness an accurate metaphor for sin?

- 4) Fellowship is mentioned two times again in these verses. Who is the fellowship with?

According to 1 John 1:5-10, what enables this fellowship?

What hinders it?

Day 2

- 5) There are five if-then statements in 1 John 1:6-10, write them in the chart below.

IF. . .	THEN. . .

6) Answer the following questions using the chart in question 5.

What are 3 false bases for fellowship with God?

1.

2.

3.

What are the marks of genuine fellowship with God?

7) According to 1 John 1:7, what is true of us if we walk in the light?

Read Ephesians 5:8-21. What does walking in the light look like?

Day 3

8) If we say we have no sin, what 4 things are true? (1 John 1:8 & 10)

1.

2.

3.

4.

9) When are you most unaware of your sin or tempted to think it doesn't matter?

10) What happens when we confess our sins according to 1 John 1:9?

What does it mean to confess?

11) How is God's forgiveness an act of faithfulness and justice?

12) If we confess our sins, we are not just forgiven. What else happens?

What cleanses us? (1 John 1:7)

Day 4

13) Spend some time reading Leviticus 16:1-22 and Hebrews 9:1-8, 11-15, 22, 10:1-4, 11-18. How does this help you understand the forgiveness and cleansing Jesus' sacrifice provides for us?

14) How does John address the recipients of this letter in 1 John 2:1?

What does this tell you about their relationship and John's motive for writing?

15) John says he is writing "so that you may not sin." Then he says, "But if anyone does sin." In the previous verses, he stated the truth is not in us if we say we have no sin. How can we put all these things together? What do you know about your salvation and your continued struggle with sin?

Day 5

16) How is Jesus described at the end of 1 John 2:1?

What two words in 1 John 2:1-2 describe what he does for us? Define them.

How do the following verses give insight into what Jesus does for you?

Romans 3:23 – 25 –

Romans 5:8-9 –

Romans 8:34 –

Hebrews 7:25 –

17) What is meant by “nor for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world” in 1 John 2:2?

18) Take some time to summarize what you have learned about Jesus and your relationship with Him.

What is your response to these truths? How might your life look different in light of them?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 3

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

1 John 2:3-11

And by this we know that we have come to know Him,
If we keep His commandments.

1 John 2:3-11

Day 1 – 1 John 2:3-11

God's Word is active and living. Ask the Lord to use it to transform you through the work of the Spirit.

- 1) After reading through the text, list below the repeated words you find.
- 2) According to 1 John 2:3, how do we know if we know him?
- 3) Write down everything you learn in 1 John 2:4-6 about those who do not keep His commandments and those who keep His word.

Whoever does not keep
His commandments

Whoever does keep
His Word

Day 2

- 4) In what ways is John 15:1-12 parallel to 1 John 2:3-11?

What does it mean to abide in Him?

- 5) How does 1 John 2:6 define obedience?

How did Jesus walk? Consider the following passages:

Matthew 9:35-38 –

Luke 22:41-43 –

John 15:12-13 –

Philippians 2:5-8 –

1 Peter 2:21-25 –

This is not an exhaustive list. Can you think of other Scripture that informs you about how Jesus walked? Make any notes below.

Think about this question honestly before the Lord. Is there evidence in your life that you walk as He walked? Write down and pray about ways you can walk more like Him. Ask the Spirit to help you.

Day 3

6) How does John address his readers in 1 John 2:7?

What does this tell you about his relationship with them?

7) Read Leviticus 19:17-18. What is the old commandment?

What is the new commandment according to John 13:34-35?

Read John 15:12-13. How does Jesus bring new meaning to this commandment?

In what sense is the new commandment different and how does it remain the same?

8) What do you think hatred toward your brother or sister in Christ looks like?

Day 4

9) 1 John 2:8-11, contrast being in darkness and being in light. What characterizes each?

Walking in Darkness	Walking in Light

10) How is Matthew 7:15-23 connected to our verses this week, especially 1 John 2:3-6?

Day 5

11) In our study of 1 John so far, we have seen a lot of strong contrasts used to make key points. List all the strong contrasts used in 1 John 1:1-2:11.

12) Is there anyone you are failing to love, not because you hate them, but because you just don't care? Is there anyone you should love more actively? Ask the Lord to help you search your heart. What practical ways can you in love move towards your brother or sister this week?

13) Read 1 John 1:5-7. How is walking in the light connected to:

Confession of sin –

Obedience to the Lord's commands –

Love toward fellow believers -

14) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

15) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 4

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

1 John 2:12-17

And the world is passing away along with its desires
but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:17

Day 1 – 1 John 2:12-17

Thank God for His Word. Ask the Spirit to teach you as you study the book of 1 John. Pray for transformation, not just information.

- 1) Fill in the chart below using 1 John 12-14.

I am writing to you,	because. . .
little children	
fathers	
young men	

- 2) Why do you think John used these three groups?

Who do they represent in a community of believers?

- 3) Summarize the focus of their identity in Christ from John's words about each group.

Day 2

- 4) Which assurance from 1 John 2:12-14 do you find most comforting? Why?

- 5) What warning is given in 1 John 2:15?

How are the previous statements, in 1 John 2:12-14, helpful to know before receiving this warning?

6) What does the world mean in this context?

Day 3

7) According to 1 John 2:15, what is true about anyone who loves the world?

8) John uses three categories to describe what is in the world. List them below and define each category.

1.

2.

3.

List a couple of examples of things that belong in each category.

9) Where can you see signs of worldliness in your life or the life of your church?

Day 4

10) What do you learn from the following verses about this warning to not love the world?

Matthew 6:24 –

Mark 8:36 –

John 17:14-19 –

Romans 12:1-2 –

Colossians 3:2 –

Titus 2:11-12 –

James 4:4 –

1 Peter 1:4 –

1 John 5:21 -

11) In what sense should Christians love the world?

Matthew 28:19-20 –

John 3:16 –

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 –

1 John 4:14 –

Day 5

12) According to 1 John 2:17, why is it foolish to love the world?

13) What does it mean to do the will of God?

What is the outcome?

How does this contrast with the world and its desires?

14) Is there an aspect of the world you are too enamored with?

What have you learned so far in your study of 1 John that would help to redirect your affections?

15) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

16) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 5

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

1 John 2:18-28, 4:1-6

And this is the promise that He made to us –
eternal life
1 John 2:25

Day 1 – Read 1 John 2:18-28

All of God’s Word is breathed out by Him. Thank Him that it brings us life.

1) How does John address his readers in 1 John 2:18?

Why do you think he addresses them this way again?

2) What do you think John means by the last hour?

3) What title is given to the false teachers attacking the church?

Define your answer to the question above. Think about what the prefix means.

4) In 1 John 2:19, what do you learn about the antichrists?

5) According to 1 John 1:21, why is John writing to these believers?

Day 2 – 1 John 2:22-28

6) How does 1 John 2:22 define the antichrist?

7) What does it mean to deny that Jesus is the Christ?

8) Fill in the blanks.

Whoever denies the Son, _____.

Whoever confesses the Son, _____.

How do the following verses reiterate this truth?

John 1:12-13 –

John 14:6 –

Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ?

- 9) According to 1 John 2:25, what promise has been made to us?

Read John 17:3. What is eternal life?

- 10) What are ways the church is being deceived today? What are false teachings that oppose Jesus as Christ?

What makes these false teachings so attractive?

11) What three tools are mentioned in these verses to help protect us from being swayed by the antichrists?

1 John 2:20,27	
1 John 2:24	
1 John 2:28	

12) How does the Word protect us?

Psalms 119:97-104 –

Matthew 24:35 –

John 17:17 – 20 –

2 Timothy 3:12-17 –

13) What is the “anointing” in 1 John 2:20 and 27?

What do you learn about this Spirit of Truth?

John 14:16-17 –

John 15:26 –

John 16:12-15 –

14) Read Ephesians 4:11-13. Is 1 John 2:27 saying we don't need teachers to instruct us?

What is it saying?

Day 4 – Read 1 John 2:24-28, 4:1-6

15) Read John 15:1-17. How do these verses illuminate the verses in 1 John?

16) "Abide" appears six times in 1 John 2:24-28. How would you summarize the deep meaning of this word

17) How can we have confidence and not shrink back at his coming?

Ephesians 5:25-27 –

Colossians 1:22 –

1 Thessalonians 3:13 –

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 –

18) How are the readers addressed in 1 John 4:1?

19) What warning and exhortation is given in 1 John 4:1?

20) How can you distinguish between spirits from God and spirits of the antichrist according to 1 John 4:2-3?

Day 5 – Read 1 John 2:18-28, 4:1-6

21) How are readers addressed once again in 1 John 4:4?

22) What phrase is repeated about the believers' identity in 1 John 4:4 and 6?

What confidence is given at the end of 1 John 4:4 in light of this truth?

How does this encourage you and/or affect what you think and do this week?

23) What does 1 John 4:5-6 teach us about how the world responds to those who abide in God?

Have there been instances when you have avoided speaking the truth or downplayed your relationship with God to avoid hatred or rejection from the world?

What truths do you need to believe or steps do you need to take to more faithfully walk as a child of God?

24) What voices are you listening to that are seeking to shape you? How can you distinguish between truth and error?

25) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

26) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 6

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

1 John 2:28 – 3:10

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are!

1 John 3:1

Day 1 – Read 1 John 2:28-3:10

God’s Word is active and living. Ask the Lord to use it to transform you through the work of the Spirit.

1) What is true if we know that He is righteous?

Recall what you learned in question 17 in last week’s lesson.) How are 1 John 2:28 and 29 connected?

2) What enables us to practice righteousness?

3) Read 1 John 3:1 in several different translations.

How great is the love of the Father?

Deuteronomy 7:9 –

Psalms 36:7 –

Psalms 63:3 –

Isaiah 54:10 –

Jeremiah 31:3 –

Lamentations 3:22-24 –

Zephaniah 3:17 –

John 3:16 –

John 15:13 –

Romans 5:8 –

Romans 8:32, 35-39 –

Ephesians 1:3-6 –

Ephesians 2:4-7 –

Do you know this love? Have you seen it, beheld it? This is not an exhaustive list from God's Word about the depth of His love for you. Take some time to sit in these truths.
Do you share John's amazement at God's love?

- 4) One translation says this love has been lavished on us. Define the word lavished below.

What is your response to this truth?

5) Read John 1:12-13. What do you learn about being called children of God?

6) How have you personally experienced God as your Father?

7) How does John address his readers in 1 John 3:2?

8) According to 1 John 3:2, what are we now and what will we be?

How does this hope call you to holiness?

9) What does it mean to purify yourself?

What is your motivation for doing that?

Day 3 -Read 1 John 3:4-10

10) Make a list of everything you learn about sin/sinning in 1 John 3:4-9.

11) Define lawlessness.

Who is the Lawmaker?

12) Read Psalm 119:97-104. How do these verses inform your mind and shape your heart as you think about God's law?

13) How does John address the church in 1 John 3:7?

John has interchangeably addressed God's people as "Beloved" and "Little children." Why do you think he uses these terms? What is he communicating?

Which address is harder for you to believe? Why?

Day 4 – Read 1 John 3:4-10

14) What two types of people are being contrasted in 1 John 3:7-8?

15) In 1 John 3:5 and 3:8 we are given two reasons Jesus appeared. What are they?

1. _____

2. _____

16) What do you learn from the following verses about how Jesus' appearing takes away our sin?

Isaiah 53:6 –

John 1:29 –

2 Corinthians 5:21 –

Colossians 2:13-14 –

1 Peter 2:24 –

17) How does Jesus destroy the works of the devil?

Genesis 3:15 –

Romans 6:6,22 –

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 –

John 12:31 –

Revelation 12:10-11 –

Colossians 2:15 –

Romans 14:9 –

Revelation 17:14 –

Revelation 20:10 –

If Jesus appeared to destroy the work of the devil, why do we still see him at work today?

18) Four different times in these eleven verses it is stated that the child of God does not “keep on sinning” or “practice sin.” What does this mean?

19) According to 1 John 3:10, what is true about children of the devil?

20) Can a person battle a persistent, habitual sin and still be a Christian? Explain your answer.

Is there a persistent sin you battle personally? How can you have assurance that you are a child of God, even though that sin persists?

21) Mark the true statement below.

_____ I am a child of God because I practice righteousness.

_____ I practice righteousness because I am a child of God.

22) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

23) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 7

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

1 John 3:11-24

Day 1 – Read 1 John 2:29-3:10

All of God’s Word is breathed out by Him. Thank Him that His Word brings us life.

- 1) According to 1 John 3:11, what is the message and when was it heard?

- 2) “From the beginning” is a repeated phrase in 1 John. Note it’s reference in the following verses.

1 John 1:1 –

1 John 2:7 –

1 John 2:24 –

1 John 3:11 –

What is this repeated phrase communicating?

- 3) In 1 John 3:12, who are we told not to be like?

What do we learn about him?

- 4) What contrasting terms do we read about in 1 John 3:11-18?

Day 2 – Read 1 John 3:11-15

- 5) In calling us to a life of love, John references the story of Cain as an example of hate. Read Cain's story in Genesis 4:1-16. What do you learn about hate from this passage?

What is Cain's attitude towards God?

What is God's attitude toward Cain?

6) What does refusing to love someone have in common with murder?

7) What deduction, relating to Cain's story, is made about our lives in 1 John 3:13?

8) Who are our brothers in verses 14-16 of 1 John 3?

9) What is true of us if we love our fellow believers according to 1 John 3:14?

What is true of us if we hate our fellow believers according to 1 John 3:14-15?

10) How does our culture or the world define love?

11) Using 1 John 3:16-18, how would you define love?

12) Why is Christ's death on the cross the supreme example?

How does Jesus contrast with Cain?

How does Jesus' example help you to love difficult people?

13) What obstacles do we commonly encounter when we seek to love others? What keeps us from loving others in practical ways?

What truths help us counteract these obstacles?

14) What are some ways we love only in word or talk with no deed or truth?

- 15) Think of three people (preferably brothers and sisters in Christ since this is who the passage is speaking about). What steps can you take to love them better?

Day 4 – Read 1 John 3:19-24

- 16) As we consider the commands to love in this text, what do we believe if our hearts condemn us?

What does this sentence at the end of 1 John 3:23 mean?

How does that reassure your heart? Consider the following verses as well.

Romans 8:1-4 –

1 John 2:1-2 –

17) According to 1 John 3:21, what is the result if our heart does not condemn us?

18) Is 1 John 3:22 suggesting our obedience to God will result in Him giving us whatever we ask? Is this verse saying we earn God's favor through obedience? Explain your answer.

Day 5 – Read 1 John 3:11-24

19) What is the commandment in 1 John 3:23?

How is this a good summary of the Christian calling?

20) According to 1 John 3:24, what two ways do we know we abide?

1. _____

2. _____

21) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

22) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”
1 John 4:7-5:1

God's Word is active and living. Ask the Lord to use it to transform you through the work of the Spirit.

- 1) Once again, how does John address the people in 1 John 4:7?
- 2) In 1 John 4:7, what does John call the people to, and for what reason?
- 3) What is true about anyone who does not love? Why?
- 4) According to 1 John 4:9-10, how do we really know God loves us?
- 5) What does 1 John 4:11 say should flow out of being loved this way?

6) What does 1 John 4:12 say is true about us if we love?

7) According to 1 John 4:12, how do we know we abide?

Read Romans 8:16. What does the Spirit do in us?

8) Read 1 John 4:14 and verses 9-10 again. For what 3 reasons did God send His Son?

1.

2.

3.

Do you remember what propitiation means? Define it below.

Which of the reasons listed above is most meaningful to you today as you study? Why?

Thank God for sending Jesus!

Day 3 – Read 1 John 4:11-14

9) How do we know God abides in us?

1 John 4:11 –

1 John 4:12 –

1 John 4:15 –

10) Does 1 John 4:14 mean Jesus saves everyone? If not, what does it mean?

11) Consider the following verses about God's love for you. What truths wash over you?

Lamentations 3:22-23 –

Jeremiah 31:3 –

Romans 5:8 –

Romans 8:32 –

Romans 8:38-39 –

Ephesians 1:4-5 –

Ephesians 2:4-5 -

*This is by no means an exhaustive list, just some of my favorites.

12) 1 John 4:16 says, “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.”

What does it mean to rely on something?

How is knowing and relying on God’s love evidenced in daily living?

13) Three times John uses the term “perfected” Write the phrase including this word from the following verses.

1 John 4:12 –

1 John 4:17 -

1 John 4:18 -

What does “perfected” mean in this context?

14) In two different verses in our text, there is a claim that two things are incompatible.

1 John 4:18 _____ and _____

1 John 4:20 _____ and _____

15) Why is it impossible to fear and rely on God's love at the same time?

What is the solution for the guilt and fear we so often find ourselves experiencing?

Spend some time praying Ephesians 3:14-21.

Day 5 – 1 John 4:7-21

16) Read 1 John 4:19. What should be our motive for loving others?

How does God loving us lead us to loving others?

What lesser motives do we often have for loving others?

- 17) We have the privilege and responsibility to make the invisible God (1 John 4:12) visible through a life of love. In what relationships do you need to work to demonstrate the love of God?

Love cost God His Son and it cost the Son His life. What might it cost you?

Why is it worth it?

- 18) Record the statements made in 1 John 5:1.

Everyone who _____
What?

Everyone who _____
What?

19) God is light (1 John 1:5) and God is love (1 John 4:8,16). How do these truths transform your life daily?

20) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

21) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 9

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

1 John 5:1-12

Day 1 – Read 1 John 5:1-12

God’s Word is active and living. Ask the Lord to use it to transform you through the work of the Spirit.

- 1) Rewrite what you recorded in your last lesson from 1 John 5:1.

Everyone who _____

What? _____

Everyone who _____

What? _____

- 2) How would you explain what it means to be born of God?

- 3) 1 John 5:2 is the eighth “By this we know” statement in 1 John. Fill out the chart below.

Reference	“By this”	“we know”
1 John 2:3		

1 John 2:5		
1 John 3:16		
1 John 3:19		
1 John 3:24		
1 John 4:2		
1 John 4:13		
1 John 5:2		

- 7) Define burdensome.

Do you consider obedience a joy or a burden?

Is there a particular one of God's commands that feels burdensome to you right now? Why?

What can you do to make obedience more of a joy?

Day 3 – Read 1 John 5:4-5

8) Read 1 John 2:15-17. How did we define “the world” in Lesson 4?

9) What would the life of one who overcomes the world look like?

10) What is the difference between faith in faith and faith in Jesus?

What is essential to believe about Jesus according to 1 John 5:5?

11) What evidence is there in your own life of overcoming the world?

Are there areas where you are struggling? Name them.

How does 1 John 4:4 and John 16:33 encourage you?

Day 4 – Read 1 John 5:6-12

12) In 1 John 5:6-12, “water” refers to Jesus’ baptism and “blood” to his death. What do water and blood symbolize that we as believers experience through faith?

13) How do we as the people of God practically participate in these two aspects (water and blood) of Jesus' identification with us? (Hint: think sacraments.)

How has your study of 1 John called you into a deeper experience of these sacraments?

14) Define testify.

15) Read Matthew 3:16-17 and John 1:29, 32-34. How did the Spirit testify at Jesus' baptism?

16) Read Matthew 27:27-56. List anything that testifies to Jesus being the Christ, the Son of God.

Now read Matthew 28:1-10. What else testifies to who Jesus is?

Day 5- Read 1 John 5:6-12

17) Who are the three that testify according to 1 John 5:7?

What point is made at the end of this verse?

On what do they agree?

18) Define testimony.

What two types of testimony are mentioned in 1 John 5:9?

Which one is greater?

19) Who has the testimony and where is it?

20) According to 1 John 5:11-12, what is the testimony?

21) Why is rejecting this testimony so serious?

22) How does your personal testimony of faith and life add to the weight of evidence that Jesus is the Christ? In other words, how does your story of redemption bear witness to the truth of the gospel? (Jen Wilkin)

23) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

24) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 10

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

1 John 5:13-21

Day 1 – Read 1 John 5:13-21

All of God’s Word is breathed out by Him. Thank Him that it brings us life.

- 1) Who is John writing to according to 1 John 5:13?

What does he want them to know?

- 2) John gives three reasons for his writing this letter. Fill out the chart below.

Reference	Reason for Writing
1 John 1:4	
1 John 2:1	
1 John 5:13	

Summarize John's reasons for writing in your own words.

How have you been impacted in these areas by what you have read and studied?

Day 2 2 – 1 John 5:14 -15

3) What confidence does John have about God in 1 John 5:14-15?

How does the phrase "according to His will" help you understand these verses? Consider the following verses as well.

John 14:12-14 –

John 15:7 -

What are some examples of things that are always in accordance with His will?

Does your prayer life reflect these things?

Are other types of requests okay? Explain your answer.

4) How can John write so absolutely in 1 John 5:13-15?

Day 3 – 1 John 5:14-19

5) What kind of prayer should we be offering in confidence and for whom according to 1 John 5:16-17?

6) What do you think is meant by a sin not leading to death?

What do you think is sin that leads to death?

7) According to 1 John 5:18-20, what are the three things we know?

1.

2.

3.

8) How can you reconcile God's protection and not being touched by the evil one with a continued struggle with our sin?

How does 1 Corinthians 10:13 encourage you as you consider this truth?

- 9) What things tempt you to doubt that you have eternal life, that God hears and answers your prayers, and that Jesus keeps you from sin?

Day 4 – 1 John 5:18-21

- 10) What word is repeated in 1 John 5:20 three times?

Write the definition for this word below.

- 11) What does it mean that Jesus is true and eternal life?

12) According to 1 John 5:21, what should be our response to knowing and understanding that Jesus is the Son of God?

Why do you think the book ends with this call?

13) What is an idol?

How can we discover what our idols are?

Day 5 – 1 John 5:13-21

14) 1 John has given us three tests to assure us we have eternal life. Can you write them below?

1.

2.

3.

Do you know that you have eternal life? Why or why not?

15) How might you use the truths in 1 John to encourage

Your brother or sister who is struggling with their own assurance of eternal life –

A friend who has a false assurance of their salvation –

16) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

17) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 11

“that you may KNOW that you have ETERNAL LIFE”

2 John 1-13

Day 1 – Read 2 John 1-13

Ask the Lord to show you the usefulness of His Word in your life. Pray for the Spirit to teach you.

- 1) What word is repeated four times in the first four verses of 2 John?

What do you learn about this word in these verses?

- 2) How does John refer to himself in his greeting?

How does he refer to the church?

What significant things do we learn about the church from this choice of words? Read also Ephesians 1:3-4 and 2:19.

3) According to 2 John 1-2, what unites us as believers?

4) What gifts are ours because we are chosen by God according to 2 John 3?

How have you experienced each of these in your life?

Which is most meaningful for you today and why?

5) In 2 John 4, what does John say gives him great joy?

Do you rejoice greatly when you see the children of God walking in truth? Why or why not?

6) What does it mean to walk in truth? How is it different from just knowing and believing?

7) What is the commandment heard from the beginning?

8) How does 2 John 6 define love?

9) Read Exodus 20:1-17. How do the commandments teach us how to love?

10) What is John's consistent definition of the antichrist?

11) What does it mean to continue in the teaching of Christ?

What are some ways we might go on ahead?

How can we watch ourselves?

12) In 2 John 9, is John saying we can lose our salvation?

John 6:39 –

John 10:27-30 –

Philippians 1:6 –

Titus 3:5 –

In light of these verses, what does He mean by “lose what we have worked for?”

13) Read 1 Corinthians 3:11-17. What do you learn about reward?

14) How would you explain what John is saying in 2 John 10-11?

15) Why does John not say everything he wants to?

What kinds of conversations are better face-to-face?

What can we learn from this as we consider our communication culture?

16) Who sends greetings?

17) Why do we need to understand and walk in truth and love? What happens if we walk in one without the other?

Day 5 – Read 2 John

18) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

19) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?

1, 2, 3 John Lesson 12

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3 John

Day 1 – Read 3 John

All of God’s Word is breathed out by Him. Thank Him that it brings us life

- 1) Who is 3 John written to?

How is this letter different from 1 and 2 John?

- 2) What adjective is used to describe Gaius?

How many times is this adjective repeated?

- 3) What does John pray?

- 4) What is John’s greatest joy?

Is this your greatest joy in your relationships?

What lesser “good things” compete for your joy and approval in your relationships? (Wilkin)

Day 2 – Read 3 John 5-12

5) What is the faithful thing Gaius is being commended for?

Why?

What do we become when we offer hospitality and support to other believers doing kingdom work according to 3 John 8?

What keeps you from doing this?

6) What do you learn about Diotrephes in 3 John 9-10?

7) What two specific sins are identified in 3 John 3:9? (Think about these in light of the love talked about in 1 and 2 John.)

What do we read that flows out of those sins in 3 John 10?

8) What two contrasting terms are mentioned in 3 John 11?

What is John encouraging God's people to do?

Day 3 – Read 3 John 11-12

9) What do we learn about Demetrius in 3 John 12?

10) How have the examples of Gaius, Diotrephes, and Demetrius challenged you personally?

11) Once again why does John not write everything he wants to?

Day 4 – Read 3 John 13-15

12) Define peace.

13) What does John ask Gaius to do in 3 John 15?

How do you feel when someone remembers your name?

Be intentional about remembering names as you interact with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

14) How would you summarize the message of 3 John?

Day 5 – Read 3 John

15) What have you learned about Jesus Christ, the foundation of our fellowship with God?

16) According to 1 John, the fruit of fellowship with God is transformed living including obedience, truth, and love. How have you been encouraged in these areas?