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A Practical Study of 1 JOHN

“Fellowship With The Father”

Key verse 1:3 — *“That which we have seen and heard we are proclaiming also to you in order that you also may be having fellowship with us; and the fellowship which is ours is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.”*

STUDY NUMBER ONE – FELLOWSHIP IS RESTORED BY JESUS CHRIST – 1 JOHN 1:1-4

KEY VERSE 1:2

v. 1 That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld and our hands touched, concerning the Word of Life—

v. 2 and the life was made visible, and we have seen [it] and we are bearing witness and we are proclaiming to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made visible to us—

v. 3 that which we have seen and heard we are proclaiming also to you, in order that you also may be having fellowship with us; and the fellowship which is ours is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.

v. 4 And as for us, we are writing these things in order that your joy might be filled.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 1:1-4 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What do we learn from the very first statement of John about Jesus Christ?

3. Why is John in such a position to write with authority about Jesus Christ, according to verse 1?

4. Why do you suppose John calls Jesus the “Word of Life” in verse 1 and then makes two more references to this term, “life,” in verse 2?

5. What is John proclaiming, according to verse 3?

6. What is his purpose in writing this letter, according to verse 3?

7. What is the meaning of the word “fellowship”?

8. What result does John wish for in his writing, according to verse 4?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Relationship must precede fellowship with a holy God.

LESSON #2: It is possible to be in relationship and out of fellowship.

LESSON #3: Fellowship with God is restored by Jesus Christ.

LESSON #4: When John speaks of Jesus Christ, he speaks of Someone he has heard, he has seen, and he has touched.

LESSON #5: The longing of God’s heart is for fellowship with us.

LESSON #6: God kept His appointment with Adam and Eve in the garden even after their sin.

LESSON #7: Jesus Christ + eternal life + fellowship = joy.

LESSON #8: Joy is the evidence that a person is in relationship and in fellowship with his heavenly Father.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO – FELLOWSHIP IS BROKEN BY SIN – 1 JOHN 1:5-2:2

KEY VERSE 1:6

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v. 5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and we are proclaiming to you, that God is light, and in Him there is not one bit of darkness.

v. 6 If we say that we are having fellowship with Him and we are walking around in the darkness, we are lying and not doing the truth.

v. 7 But if we are walking around in the light as He Himself is in the light, we are having fellowship one with the other, and the blood of Jesus His Son is cleansing us from every sin.

v. 8 If we say that we are not having sin, we are leading ourselves astray, and the truth is not in us.

v. 9 If we are confessing our sins, faithful is He and just that He should forgive us our sins, and should cleanse us from every unrighteousness.

v.10 If we say that we have not sinned, we are making Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.



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2:v. 1 My little children, these things I am writing to you in order that you may not commit an act of sin. And if anyone commits an act of sin, we are continually having one who pleads our case with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one.

v. 2 And He Himself is satisfaction for our sins; not for ours only but also for the whole world.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 1:5-2:2 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does it mean that “God is light, and in Him there is not one bit of darkness”?

3. What is the meaning of “walking around in the darkness” in verse 6?

4. When we are “walking around in the light,” according to verse 7, what two things result?

5. In verses 8, 9, & 10, there are three attitudes which we can have about sin. What are these three attitudes, and what must a Christian do to maintain fellowship with the Lord?

6. What are the results of “confessing our sins,” according to verse 9?

7. What provisions has the Father made, according to chapter 2:11, for our sins?

8. How adequate is the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross for sin, according to verse 2?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God is light and therefore perfect in holiness.

LESSON #2: It is possible to be hypocritical about our fellowship with the Father by continuing to live in sin.

LESSON #3: When we are living in sin, we are lying and not doing the truth.

LESSON #4: When we are walking in the light, we are having fellowship with the Father; and the blood of Jesus His Son is cleansing us from every sin.

LESSON #5: When we are living in denial, we are leading ourselves astray and the truth is not in us.

LESSON #6: To confess our sins is to say the same thing about them that God says about them.

LESSON #7: When we say we have not sinned, we are making God a liar and His Word is not in us.

LESSON #8: When we sin, the Lord Jesus pleads our case before God the Father on the basis of His shed blood.

LESSON #9: He has paid the full price for our sins in His blood.

LESSON #10: Sins past, present, and future have been cared for by Calvary's cross.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE – FELLOWSHIP IS NOURISHED BY OBEDIENCE – 1 JOHN 2:3-11

KEY VERSE 2:5

- v. 3 And in this we are knowing that we know Him, if we are keeping His commandments.
- v. 4 The one who is saying, "I have come to know Him," and is not keeping His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in this one.
- v. 5 But whoever is keeping His Word, truly in this one the love of God has been brought to maturity. In this we are knowing that we are in Him.
- v. 6 The one who is saying he is abiding in Him, he himself is morally obligated to be walking around just as that one also walked around.
- v. 7 Beloved ones, I am not writing to you a new commandment, but an old commandment which you were having from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you heard.
- v. 8 Again a new commandment I am writing to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the genuine light already is shining.
- v. 9 The one who is saying that he is in the light and is hating his brother, he is in the darkness until now.
- v.10 The one who is loving his brother is abiding in the light, and there is not a stumbling block in him.
- v.11 But the one who is hating his brother is in the darkness and he is walking around in the darkness, and he does not know where he is going because the darkness blinded his eyes.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 2:3-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How do we know that we know Him, according to verse 3?

3. What does John say about someone who professes with his lips to know Christ and is not obedient, according to verse 4?

4. What are the results of obedience in verse 5?

5. What is our moral obligation, according to verse 6?

6. What is the commandment that John is talking about here in verses 7 & 8? (see John 13:34, 35).

7. What is the true condition of someone who is “hating his brother,” according to verse 9?

8. What is true of the one who is “loving his brother,” according to verse 10?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: One of the assurances of salvation is our obedience to His Word.

LESSON #2: A person who is saying he has come to know Him and is not obedient is a liar and the truth is not in him.

LESSON #3: The love of God is brought to maturity in the obedient heart.

LESSON #4: To be abiding in Christ is to have an inward, enduring, personal communion with Him.

LESSON #5: If we say we are abiding in Him, we are morally obligated to be walking like Him.

LESSON #6: The primary expression of the obedient heart is a love for one another.

LESSON #7: This love is seen first in Him and then in us as a fruit of the Spirit.

LESSON #8: You cannot be hating your brother and walking in the light at the same time.

LESSON #9: The two results of loving our brother are: 1) abiding in the light; and 2) no stumbling block in us.

LESSON #10: There is no guidance or direction while we are walking in darkness.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR – FELLOWSHIP IS ESCALATED BY GROWTH – 1 JOHN 2:12-17

KEY VERSE 2:15

v.12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven through His name.

v.13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you have come to know the one who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have conquered the evil one.

v.14 I write to you, young children, because you have known the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you have come to know the one who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong and the word of God is abiding in you, and you have conquered the evil one.

v.15 Stop loving the world, neither the things which are in the world. If a man keeps on loving the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

v.16 Because everything which is in the world, the passionate desire of the flesh, and the passionate desire of the eyes, and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

v.17 And the world is passing away, and its passionate desire; but the one who is doing the will of God is abiding forever.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 2:12-17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does John mean by the term “little children” in verse 12?

3. What does he mean by the terms “fathers” and “young men” in verse 13?

4. What three things are true of the young men described in verse 14?

5. How would a Christian manifest a love for the world?

6. What is the character of this world, according to verse 16?

7. How does John describe the world and one “doing the will of God,” according to verse 17?

8. How would you characterize your own spiritual growth since becoming a Christian, using the terms “little children,” “young men,” and “fathers” described here in these verses?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: One of the greatest things we realize when we are born again into God's family is that our sins have been forgiven through His name.

LESSON #2: The number one thing that should thrill us as we look back on our lives as believers is our ever-deepening knowledge of the Father.

LESSON #3: Spiritual growth involves conflict with the evil one.

LESSON #4: His strength and the Word of God abiding in us are the keys to victory over the evil one.

LESSON #5: Love for the Father must be the number one priority in our lives.

LESSON #6: If we keep on loving the world, the love of the Father is not in us.

LESSON #7: It is the flesh within us that desires those things which are contrary to the Father's purpose and plan for our lives.

LESSON #8: The power of temptation is magnified through the eyes.

LESSON #9: The vainglory of life is pride in one's possessions, or the thought of shaping one's life apart from God.

LESSON #10: The world is passing away but the one doing the will of God is abiding forever.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE – FELLOWSHIP IS BEING EDUCATED BY HIS SPIRIT
– 1 JOHN 2:18-27

KEY VERSE 2:27

v.18 Young children, it is the last hour; even as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from which fact we are knowing that it is the last hour.

v.19 They departed from us, but they were not of us. For if they were of us, they would have remained with us; but [they departed], in order that they might be revealed that they all are not of us.

v.20 And you yourselves are having an anointing from the Holy One, and you are knowing all things.

v.21 I am not writing to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because every lie is not out of the truth.

v.22 Who is the liar if not the one who is denying that Jesus is the Christ? This one is the antichrist, the one who is denying the Father and the Son.

v.23 Everyone who is denying the Son is not having the Father; the one who is confessing the Son is having the Father also.

v.24 As for you, that which you heard from the beginning, let it be abiding in you. If that which you heard from the beginning is abiding in you, you also are abiding in the Son and in the Father.

v.25 And this is the promise which He Himself promised us: the life eternal.

v.26 These things I am writing to you concerning those who are leading you astray.

v.27 As for you, the anointing which you received from Him is abiding in you, and you are not having need that anyone keep on teaching you; but even as His anointing is teaching you concerning all things, and is true and is not a lie, and even as He taught you, keep on abiding in Him.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 2:18-27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What do you think John means by the term “last hour” in verse 18?

3. What does John mean by the term “anointing” in verse 20?

4. How is a “liar” described in verse 22?

5. How are those who are “denying” and those who are “confessing the Son” described in verse 23?

6. What is the safeguard in verse 24 against false teaching?

7. What have we been promised, according to verse 25?

8. Describe the Holy Spirit’s function, according to verse 27.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Young believers are easy prey for many of the cults.

LESSON #2: We are living in the last hour.

LESSON #3: We must be aware and on our guard with regard to false teachers.

LESSON #4: God’s Spirit permanently indwells us as believers so that we can be taught the truth by the Spirit.

LESSON #5: You cannot have the Father without the Son, nor the Son without the Spirit.

LESSON #6: False teaching often leads to division in the body of Christ.

LESSON #7: God has made a promise to us of eternal life and He does not break His promises.

LESSON #8: There are many who will lead you astray if you pay attention to what they are teaching.

LESSON #9: It is the Spirit of God who is teaching us all things.

LESSON #10: Keep on abiding in Him.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX – FELLOWSHIP IS A REHEARSAL FOR THE FUTURE
– 1 JOHN 2:28-3:3

KEY VERSE 3:2

v.28 And now, little children, keep on abiding in Him, in order that whenever He is revealed, we might have boldness and not shrink away in shame from Him in His coming.

v.29 If you know that He is righteous, you are knowing also that everyone who is doing righteousness has been born of Him.

3:v. 1 Behold how glorious a love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and we are. For this reason the world is not knowing us, because it knew Him not.

v. 2 Beloved ones, now we are the children of God, and not yet has it been made visible what we shall be. We are knowing that, whenever He is made visible, like ones to Him we shall be, because we shall see Him just as He is.

v. 3 And everyone who is having this hope on Him is purifying himself, even as that one is pure.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 2:28-3:3 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Why are we asked to be “abiding” in Jesus Christ in verse 28?

3. What does John mean by the phrase “born of Him” in verse 29?

4. What is our relationship to God, according to verse 1?

5. How is our relationship to the world described in verse 1?

6. What hope is described for us in verse 2?

7. What is the result of this hope, according to verse 3?

8. Are there things in your life that would make you ashamed if Jesus should come today?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: John repeats the command to “keep on abiding in Him.”

LESSON #2: When we are in fellowship and abiding in Him, we have boldness and a freedom in His presence.

LESSON #3: Staying in the Word on a daily basis keeps us from getting behind on our homework.

LESSON #4: We are abiding in Him when we are drawing upon all that He is, depending upon all that He can do, and developing into His image.

LESSON #5: Fellowship, faithfulness, and fruit are the three elements of the abundant life.

LESSON #6: Righteousness will result from intimate communion with a righteous God.

LESSON #7: Flowing from my life will be evidences that I am His child.

LESSON #8: Our fellowship with the Father increases our anticipation of eternity.

LESSON #9: Soon we shall be like Him because we shall see Him just as He is.

LESSON #10: Every believer is experiencing a purifying process as he walks with God.

LESSON #11: The purifying process is hastened by the Scriptures, by suffering, and by servanthood.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN – FELLOWSHIP IS APPARENT BY FRUIT – 1 JOHN 3:4-10

KEY VERSE 3:9

v. 4 Everyone who is doing sin also is doing lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

v. 5 And you know that that one was made visible in order that He might take away sin; and sin is not in Him.

v. 6 Everyone who is abiding in Him is not continually sinning. Everyone who is continually sinning has not seen Him nor has he known Him.

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v. 7 Little children, let no one keep on leading you astray; the one who is doing righteousness is righteous, even as that one is righteous.

v. 8 The one who is doing sin is of the devil; because the devil is sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was made visible, in order that He might destroy the works of the devil.

v. 9 Everyone who has been born of God is not practicing sin, because His seed is remaining in him; and he is not able to keep on sinning because he has been born of God.

v.10 In this it is made visible: the children of God and the children of the devil. Everyone who is not practicing righteousness is not of God, and the one who is not loving his brother.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 3:4-10 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What do you think John means by the term “lawlessness” in verse 4?

3. Why did Jesus come in human flesh, according to verse 5?

4. What two things are said in verse 6 about a person “who is continually sinning?”

5. What does “righteousness” reveal, according to verse 7?

6. What further purpose for Christ coming in human flesh is revealed in verse 8?

7. How would you explain the phrase “His seed is remaining in him” in verse 9?

8. How are the “children of God” and the “children of the devil” identified in verse 10?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Sin is a serious matter when it is manifested in the child of God.

LESSON #2: The sinless Savior came into the world to take away sin.

LESSON #3: To be continually sinning indicates that we have not seen Him nor known Him.

LESSON #4: We must be careful not to be led astray in taking a soft view of sin.

LESSON #5: Righteousness will be a normal manifestation in the life of a child of God.

LESSON #6: The one who is doing sin is of the devil.

LESSON #7: Jesus Christ came into the world to do two things: 1) to take away sin; and 2) to destroy the works of the devil.

LESSON #8: The greatest protection for the child of God against sin is the indwelling Christ and the living Word of God.

LESSON #9: How we deal with sin in our lives is crucial for our relationship with the Father and our future spiritual development.

LESSON #10: The children of the devil are characterized in two ways: 1) They are not doing righteousness; and 2) They are not loving their fellowman.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT – FELLOWSHIP IS SACRIFICIAL SERVANTHOOD
– 1 JOHN 3:11-24

KEY VERSE 3:16

v.11 Because this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we should be loving one another;

v.12 not as Cain [who] was out of the evil one, and killed his brother. And for what reason did he kill him? Because his works were evil, and those of his brother righteous.

v.13 And stop wondering, brethren, if the world is hating you.

v.14 As for us we are knowing that we have passed over out of death into life, because we are loving the brethren. The one who is not loving is abiding in death.

v.15 Everyone who is hating his brother is a murderer; and you are knowing that every murderer is not having eternal life abiding in him.

v.16 In this we have come to know love, because that one on our behalf laid down his soul; and we are having a moral obligation on behalf of our brethren to lay down our souls.

v.17 But whoever is having the livelihood of the world, and is seeing his brother having need and shuts up his heart from him, how is the love of God abiding in him?

v.18 Little children, let us not be loving by word nor by the tongue, but in deed and truth.

v.19 And in this we shall know that we are out of the truth, and in His presence we shall persuade our hearts,

v.20 in whatever our hearts are condemning us; because God is greater than our hearts, and He is knowing all things.

v.21 Beloved ones, if our heart is not condemning us, we are having boldness toward God.

v.22 And whatever we are asking we are receiving from Him, because we are keeping His commandments and we are doing the things pleasing in His sight.

v.23 And this is His commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and loving one another, as He gave us commandment.

v.24 And the one who is keeping His commandments is abiding in Him, and He Himself is abiding in Him. And in this we are knowing that He is abiding in us, from the Spirit whom He gave to us.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 3:11-24 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What message has been given to us, according to verse 11?

3. Why did Cain kill his brother, Abel, according to verse 12?

4. What is the evidence of our new life in Jesus Christ, according to verse 14?

5. Who is the great example of love, according to verse 16, and what is our “moral obligation” in this matter?

6. How are we supposed to be loving, according to verse 18?

7. What two things are true of a person who is getting ready answers to his prayers, according to verse 22?

8. What is our responsibility, according to verse 23?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Loving one another as brothers and sisters in the body of Christ is very important in the eyes of God.

LESSON #2: Love gives and hate takes.

LESSON #3: When you are walking in fellowship with God, you can expect that the world is going to be hating you.

LESSON #4: As God's love matures within us, it manifests itself in sacrificial servanthood.

LESSON #5: It is not enough to be loving by word or by tongue, but we must demonstrate it in deed and truth.

LESSON #6: Sacrificial servanthood shall still and tranquilize the fears and misgivings of our hearts.

LESSON #7: God is greater than our hearts and He is knowing all things.

LESSON #8: It is possible for us, walking in fellowship with our heavenly Father, to have boldness toward God.

LESSON #9: Effective prayer is the result of two things: 1) keeping His commandments; and 2) doing the things pleasing in His sight

LESSON #10: His commandment is two-fold: 1) We should believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ; and 2) We should be loving one another as He gave us commandment.

LESSON #11: The one who is keeping His commandments is abiding in Him, and He himself is abiding in him.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER NINE – FELLOWSHIP IS PRESERVED BY DISCERNMENT – 1 JOHN 4:1-6**KEY VERSE 4:1**

v. 1 Beloved, stop believing every spirit, but keep on putting the spirits to the test to see if they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

v. 2 In this you are knowing the Spirit of God: every spirit that is confessing Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

v. 3 And every spirit which is not confessing Jesus is not from God; and this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

v. 4 You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

v. 5 They themselves are out of the world. On this account, out of the world they are speaking, and the world is hearing them.

v. 6 We ourselves are from God; the one who is knowing God is hearing us; he who is not from God is not hearing us. From this we are knowing the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

NOTES**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 John 4:1-6 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What command is given in verse 1?

3. Why are the spirits to be put to the “test,” according to verse 1?

4. How can you identify the “Spirit of God,” according to verse 2?

5. How is it possible for the Christian to be victorious, according to verse 4?

6. How are the false prophets described in verse 5?

7. How do we know the “Spirit of truth” and the “spirit of error?”

8. Can you think of a modern illustration where you have used your discernment in the way described here?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The two warning lights in the epistle of 1 John are: 1) stop loving the world; and 2) stop believing every spirit

LESSON #2: We are commanded by John to keep on putting the spirits to the test to see if they are from God.

LESSON #3: Fellowship is preserved by discernment, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

LESSON #4: The key test question is, “Does the teacher believe that Jesus Christ is God’s Son come in human flesh?”

LESSON #5: The one who does not hold to the deity and the humanity of Christ is manifesting the spirit of antichrist.

LESSON #6: We become part of God’s family—we are His children when we are born again by the Spirit.

LESSON #7: The victory has already been secured on Calvary's cross and is assured to us, because greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.

LESSON #8: The false teachers have a real audience with the world because they are speaking from their perspective.

LESSON #9: John says, "We ourselves are from God, and the one who is knowing God is hearing us."

LESSON #10: In being guided by the Spirit, it is our responsibility to ascertain the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TEN – FELLOWSHIP IS GENERATING “AGAPE” LOVE – 1 JOHN 4:7-21

KEY VERSE 4:12

v. 7 Beloved, let us be loving one another, because love is from God; and everyone who is loving has been born of God and is knowing God.

v. 8 The one who is not loving has not come to know God, because God is love.

v. 9 In this the love of God was made clear in our case, because His Son the only begotten one God has sent into the world in order that we might live through Him.

v.10 In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He Himself loved us and sent His Son to be the satisfaction for our sins.

v.11 Beloved, if God so loved us also, we ourselves are under moral obligation to be loving one another.

v.12 No one has beheld God at any time; if we are loving one another, God is abiding in us, and His love has been brought to its fullness in us.

v.13 In this we are knowing that we are abiding in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

v.14 And we ourselves have beheld and we are bearing witness that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

v.15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God is abiding in Him—he is abiding in God.

v.16 And we ourselves have known and have believed the love which God is having in our case. God is love, and the one who is abiding in love is abiding in God, and God is abiding in Him.

v.17 In this the love has been brought to completion which is in us, that as a result we are having boldness in the day of judgment; because just as that one is, also we ourselves are in this world.

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v.18 Fear is not in love; but perfect love is casting out fear, because this fear is having to do with punishment. And the one who is fearing has not been brought to completion in this love.

v.19 As for us, let us be loving because He Himself first loved us.

v.20 If anyone should say, "I am loving God," and is hating his brother, he is a liar; for the one who is not loving his brother whom he has seen, he is not able to go on loving God whom he has not seen.

v.21 And this commandment we are having from Him, that the one who is loving God should also be loving his brother.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 4:7-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are we commanded to do in verse 7 and why?

3. Why did God send His Son into the world, according to verse 9?

4. What is our "moral obligation," according to verse 11?

5. What does John mean by the phrase "His love has been brought to its fullness in us" in verse 12?

6. What does a confession that "Jesus is the Son of God" prove, according to verse 15?

7. What does John mean when he says "fear is not in love" in verse 18?

8. What command are we given in verse 21?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Love for one another is a normal outgrowth of a relationship with the God of love.

LESSON #2: Love is a manifestation of the fact that we have experienced the new birth.

LESSON #3: The absence of love is an indication of the fact that we have never come to know God.

LESSON #4: We have learned that Jesus Christ came to take away sin, to destroy the works of the devil, and so that we might live through Him.

LESSON #5: Because of God's unconditional love for us, we have a moral obligation to be loving one another.

LESSON #6: The way people see God residing in our lives is by the love they see flowing from our lives.

LESSON #7: Fellowship with the Father is generating the fruit of agape love.

LESSON #8: Love is a fruitage of the Spirit who indwells us when we become His children.

LESSON #9: As we live with Christ, our love grows more perfect and complete.

LESSON #10: Fear is a manifestation of incomplete or immature love.

LESSON #11: If love is filling and flowing from our hearts, we can have boldness in the day of judgment.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER ELEVEN – FELLOWSHIP IS ACTIVATED BY A NEW BIRTH
– 1 JOHN 5:1-12

KEY VERSES 5:11-12

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v. 1 Everyone who is believing that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God; and everyone who is loving the one who begat is loving the one who has been begotten of Him.

v. 2 In this we are knowing that we are loving the children of God, when we are loving God and we are doing His commandments.

v. 3 For this is the love of God, that we are keeping His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome (difficult to fulfill).

v. 4 Because everyone that has been born of God is conquering the world; and this is the victory which conquered the world—our faith.

v. 5 And who is the one who is conquering the world, except the one who is believing that Jesus is the Son of God?

v. 6 This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ; not in water only, but in the water and in the blood; and the Spirit is the one who is bearing witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

v. 7 Because there are three who are bearing witness,

v. 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in one thing.

v. 9 If we are receiving the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; because this is the witness of God, that He has borne witness concerning His Son.

v.10 The one who is believing in the Son of God is having the witness in himself; the one who is not believing God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness which God has witnessed concerning His Son.

v.11 And this is the witness, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

v.12 The one who is having the Son is having the life; the one who is not having the Son of God is not having the life.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 5:1-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What must one do to experience “being born of God,” according to verse 1?

3. How do we know that we are “loving the children of God,” according to verse 2?

4. What is the “victory that conquered the world,” according to verse 4?

5. What is the “witness of God,” according to verse 9?

6. Where is “eternal life” located, according to verse 11?

7. How is mankind divided, according to verse 12?

8. Are you able to share a time when you came to know Jesus Christ as your own Savior?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Everyone who is believing that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God.

LESSON #2: Flowing out of my love for the Father will be love for my brothers and sisters in the body of Christ.

LESSON #3: Assurance of our relationship with the Lord is seen when we are loving God and doing His commandments.

LESSON #4: When you are doing something out of a heart filled with love, it is not a burden.

LESSON #5: Victory over the world and its system comes through faith.

LESSON #6: Salvation is centered in a Person—the Lord Jesus Christ—who came by water and blood, and was vindicated by the Spirit of truth.

LESSON #7: If we are receiving the witness of men, the witness of God is greater.

LESSON #8: The witness within that we have been born of God is the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

LESSON #9: Eternal life resides in God’s Son and nowhere else.

LESSON #10: Where do you find yourself in verse 12? Are you the one who is having the Son and having life? Or are you the one who is not having the Son and not having life?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWELVE – FELLOWSHIP IS AN INDICATION OF SALVATION
– 1 JOHN 5:13-21

KEY VERSE 5:13

v.13 I wrote these things to you in order that you may know that you are having eternal life, you who are believing in the name of the Son of God.

v.14 And this is the boldness (confidence) which we are having toward Him, that if we are asking anything according to His will, He is hearing us.

v.15 And if we are knowing that He is hearing us, whatever we are asking, we are knowing that we are having the requests which we have asked from Him.

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v.16 If anyone should see his brother sinning a sin not towards death, he shall ask and He shall give him life—those who are not sinning towards death. There is a sin towards death, not concerning that am I saying that he should make request.

v.17 Every unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not towards death.

v.18 We are knowing that everyone who has been born of God is not continually sinning. But he who was born of God is keeping him (himself), and the evil one is not laying hold of him.

v.19 We are knowing that we are out of God, and the whole world is lying in the power of the evil one.

v.20 Now we are knowing that the Son of God has come, and has given to us insight, in order that we may be knowing the truth, and we are in the truth in His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

v.21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 5:13-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What has John's purpose been in writing this letter, according to verse 13?

3. What is our "confidence," according to verse 14?

4. What do you think John means by "a sin not towards death" and "a sin towards death" in verse 16?

5. How is the one "born of God" described in verse 18?

6. What is the position of the world, according to verse 19?

7. Why has Jesus come, according to verse 19?

8. What is John's final command in verse 21? Can you think of any idols in your life?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Fellowship with the Father is an indication of salvation.

LESSON #2: You can know that you are having eternal life.

LESSON #3: We can have boldness in prayer when we are asking according to His will.

LESSON #4: Sin which is not unto death is an accident on the part of the believer and a fruitage of his old nature.

LESSON #5: Sin must be dealt with in the heart of the believer by confession and repentance so that fellowship can be restored.

LESSON #6: Sin unto death is physical death for the believer who persists along the pathway of sin.

LESSON #7: The new divine nature within the believer is indeed sinless.

LESSON #8: Satan's only entrance to us is through our old nature.

LESSON #9: The whole world is the evil one's domain.

LESSON #10: The Son of God has come, and He has opened our eyes and given us insight so that we can choose to walk in the light.

LESSON #11: We are in the truth in His Son, Jesus Christ.

LESSON #12: "Little children, guard yourselves from idols."

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
