



## Class 18 1-2-3 John

### Homework for the Week of 3.4 - 3.11

#### Videos we watched in class

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/1-3-john/>

[https://bibleproject.com/explore/john/\\_part 2](https://bibleproject.com/explore/john/_part_2)

#### Homework

Everyday: Pray that the Lord will give you eyes to see and a mind to comprehend new and fresh understandings from His word. Pray that these will be applicable to your life and transform your heart and mind to be more like Christ.

#### Day 1

Learn about the background of John's epistles by reading the introduction in your study Bible and by reading the words of John himself in these passages.

To Whom?

1 John 2:12-14

1 John 2:19

1 John 3:1

1 John 5:13

Why?

1 John 1:4

1 John 2:1

1 John 2:26

1 John 5:13

Like so many of the books we have studied, the authors were warning against false teaching. Gnosticism was the main objection to Christianity when John wrote this around 90 AD. What can you find out about it that will help you understand John's purpose in writing?

In addition to the introduction in my Bible, I found [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org) to have a more easily understandable answer but even it states "the definition of the word Gnostic is about as easy to nail down as a flopping fish." So good luck y'all!

## Day 2

The focus of 1 John is about fellowship with God. We can maintain this by walking in light, in love, and in life.

Look at chapter 1: verses 6 - 10 These verses state an example of walking in darkness followed by a remedy for following in **light**. Write each one and explain how it contrasts walking in darkness and in light.

Read 1 John 3:1-5:3 and look for John's emphasis on **love**.

How is love described?

What commands are given about love?

Regarding **life**, read 1 John 5:10-13.

What do verses 11-12 say about this life?

What did John say his reason for writing this letter? See your answer to 5:13.

Similar to John 3:16, right?

### **Day 3**

We are commanded to confess our sins because this brings forgiveness and cleansing and, as a result, restoration to fellowship with God. Read what John has to say in 1 John 1: 9. How comforting to know that we can trust God to forgive us if we do so with a truly repentant heart! Let's return to the Old Testament and read about King David's sin and Nathan's confrontation in 2 Samuel 11: 1 – 12:15.

Summarize this:

Read Psalm 51 which is David's confession. It is good for us to remember how much God loved David, not because of his sin but because he was "a man after God's own heart". He was repentant. How does this story demonstrate forgiveness? God offers us the same forgiveness. That is good news.

#### **Day 4**

2 John is a warning against false teachers. How does John define them? He lists several "do not's". What are they and how does this apply to us today?

The word "truth" is found five times in this short letter. "Love" occurs five times. Truth and love are inseparable. Refresh your memory on John's emphasis.

John 13:33-35

John 15:10-17

1 John 2:7-11

1 John 3: 10-12

1 John 3: 16-18

1 John 4: 7-21

2 John 5

### **Day 5**

3 John is the shortest book in the Bible; however, it gives us examples to follow and not to follow. What characteristics of each man stood out to you? Why?

- a. Gaius
  
  
- b. Diotrephes
  
  
- c. Demetrius

From your reading of John's 3 epistles, what are some practical ways you can apply what you have learned?

What does the word "truth" mean to you? How might you be acquiring knowledge of truth but not living it?

Why does John tie the love of God so closely with the love of others?

**For extra credit,** go back and read the gospel of John realizing that it is the first book frequently recommended to new believers to read. It is good for us to have a grasp on it because we are called to be witnesses and share the good news.

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