

1John Study Guide - 1John 3 (New International Version)

Scriptures in Study Guide:

Scriptures this week are in the NIV (New International Version). To make things easier, the actual verses will be included in your daily lessons to help you with the missing words.

Review:

1John Chapters 1-2: the apostle John redefines and reminds his readers that Jesus Christ is God - the very Word of Life that we have known from the beginning of time. He is the same "Word" that John, the apostle, spoke of in John 1. Jesus Christ, being God's Son, provides us eternal life with Him. We must recognize our sinfulness and our "need" for a Savior. If we trust in our own person, we deceive ourselves and the truth of God - the Light - is not in us. We walk in darkness (as the world does). In fact, if we live as the world without conviction of sin, then we should examine our hearts whether we are His. This is not a new command to believe God's Word and walk as He commands, but it is a new one to make sure that we treat others without hatred within our hearts. This heightens our awareness that it is not our actions that God looks at as much as the thoughts/heart/motive that is behind that action. If we keep short accounts with even thoughts that do not agree with Scripture (God's Word), then sin will not take root (and we will not stumble).

Day 1

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.

Read **1John 3:1-6** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **3** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. **4** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **5** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **6** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

1 John 3:1:

- See what _____ love the Father has _____ on us, that we should be called _____ of God! And that is _____ we are!
- The reason the world does not _____ us is that it did not know _____.

Questions:

- Look up word "lavished" and write down it's definition? _____
- Knowing now what "lavished" means, how would you describe the "great love" that our Father God has lavished on us? _____
- And that extravagant privilege is manifested or seen in that we are called "what" of God? _____
- Why does the world not know us (see end of verse 1)? _____

1 John 3:2:

- Dear friends, _____ we are children of God, and _____ we will be has _____ yet been made _____.
- But we know that when Christ _____, we shall be _____ him, for we shall _____ him as he is.
- **Questions:**
 - Even though we know we are God's children, what has not been made known to us? _____.
 - Even though we don't know "what" we will be in regards to what we will look like in eternity, what do we know about Who we will be "like" when Christ appears? _____
 - How will we see Christ when He appears and we shall be like Him? _____
 - To gain further understanding of 1 John 3:3, write out the following Scripture and answer the questions:
Write out **1 Corinthians 13:12** - _____

1 John 3:3:

- All who _____ this hope in him purify _____, just as he _____ pure.
- **Questions:**
- All of us who have this hope in seeing Jesus face to face and being fully known by Him, do what themselves by this hope? _____
- They purify themselves because Jesus is what? _____

1 John 3:4:

- Everyone who sins _____ the law;
- in fact, _____ is lawlessness.
- **Questions:**
 - When we sin, what do we break? _____
 - How does the apostle John define sin in **1 John 3:4**? _____
 - Whose law is the apostle John talking about? The world's law or God's _____

1 John 3:5:

- But you _____ that he appeared so that he might _____ away our sins.
- And _____ him is _____ sin.
- **Questions:**
 - What was the reason why Jesus appeared according to **1 John 3:5**? _____
 - How much sin is in Jesus according to **1 John 3:5**? _____

1 John 3:6:

- _____ one who lives _____ him keeps on sinning.
- No one who _____ to sin has either seen him or _____ him.
- According to **1 John 3:6**, can a person continue a life of sin when they are in Jesus Christ? _____
- Write out **1 John 2:4** - _____

Day 2

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1 John 3:7-10** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **8** The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. **9** No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. **10** This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

1 John 3:7:

- Dear children, do _____ let anyone lead you _____.
- The one who _____ what is right is _____, just as _____ is righteous.
- **Question:** when we do things that are right in the eyes of God, Whose righteousness to we reflect?

1 John 3:8:

- The one who _____ what is sinful is _____ the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the _____.
- **Question:** who are we like when we sin? _____
- The _____ the Son of God appeared was to _____ the devil's work.
- **Question:** why did the Son of God appear? _____
- Write out **James 4:8** - _____

- **Question:** What are ways we can draw near to God? _____

1 John 3:9:

- No one who is _____ of God will _____ to sin, because God's seed _____ in them;
- they _____ go on sinning, because they have _____ born of God.
- **Question:** Why can a believer not go on sinning? _____
- Write out **John 15:4** - _____

1 John 3:10:

- This is _____ we know who the _____ of God are and _____ the children of the devil are:
- Anyone who does _____ do what is right _____ not God's child, nor is anyone who does not _____ their brother and sister.
- Write out **1John 2:9** - _____

- **Question:** What are the 2 behaviors, according to **1John 3:10**, that show that a person is not a child of God? _____ and _____

Day 3

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1 John 3:11-15** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

11 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. **12** Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. **13** Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, [b] if the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. **15** Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

1 John 3:11:

- For this is the _____ you heard from the _____:
- We should _____ one another.
- **Question:** what is the message that we have heard from the beginning? _____

1 John 3:12:

- Do not be like _____, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his _____.
- And _____ did he murder him? _____ his own actions _____ evil and his brother's were righteous.
- **Question:** What do we learn, in **1 John 3:12**, of why Cain murdered his brother, Abel? _____
- **Note** - Before Cain murdered his brother, Abel, God gave Cain an opportunity to acknowledge his sinful heart. Write out **Genesis 4:6-7** to learn more about this:

• **Questions -**

- What did God encourage Cain to do with the sin that was crouching at his door?
_____.
- How can he master sin? (Refer back to **James 4:8**)- _____

1 John 3:13:

- Do not be _____, my brothers and sisters, if the world _____ you.
- **Question:** what should we not be surprised about? _____ -

1 John 3:14:

- We _____ that we have _____ from death _____ life, because we _____ each other.
- Anyone who does _____ love remains in _____.
- According to **1 John 3:14**, how do we know that we have passed from death to life? _____

1 John 3:15:

- Anyone who _____ a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no _____ has eternal life _____ in him.
- **Question:** If someone hates another, they are a what? _____

Day 4

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1 John 3:16-18** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?
18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:16:

- This is _____ we know _____ love is:
- _____ Christ laid down his life _____ us.
- And we ought to _____ down our lives _____ our brothers and sisters.
- **Question:** According to **1John 3:16** here, how does the apostle John define love?
_____.
- Write out **Philippians 2:3**: _____

- Write out **John 13:14-15** - _____

1 John 3:17:

- If anyone has _____ possessions and sees a brother or sister in _____ but has no _____ on them, _____ can the love of God be _____ that person?
- Write out **Matthew 25:40** - _____

1 John 3:18:

- Dear children, let _____ not love with words or _____ but with actions and in _____.
- **Questions:**
 - How are we called to love as God's children? _____
 - Does that mean we are not to ever use our words or speech? _____

Day 5

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1 John 3:19-24** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

19 This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence:

20 If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God **22** and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

24 The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 3:19:

- This is how we _____ that we belong to the _____ and how we set our _____ at rest in his _____:
- **Note:** this verse connects with the one before it. We know we're God's when our hearts move us to action as Jesus when He walked this earth. Our actions and reactions will be like Jesus Christ's.

1 John 3:20:

- If our hearts _____ us, we know that _____ is greater than our hearts, and he knows _____.
- **Question:** how much does God know? _____

1 John 3:21-22:

- Dear _____, if our hearts do not _____ us, we have confidence _____ God
 - and receive _____ him anything we _____, because we keep his _____ and do what pleases him.
 - **Question,** as we look at 1John 3:21-22, what is the reason why we can have confidence that we will receive anything we ask (hint: this is answered **at the end of verse 22**) _____
- _____

1 John 3:23:

- And this is _____ command: to believe in the _____ of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another _____ he commanded us.
 - **Question:** In **1John 3:23**, what is His command?
- _____
- _____

1 John 3:24:

- The one who _____ God's commands lives _____ him, and he in _____.
 - **Question:** What happens when one keeps God's commands? _____
 - Write out **John 14:23** - _____
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- _____
- And _____ is how we know _____ he lives in us: We know it by the _____ he gave us.
- Write out **John 14:16-17** - _____
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