

1John Study Guide - 1John 1:1-10 – 2:1-11 (NIV- use New International Version)

Background: When the apostle John wrote this letter to the church, he was the last surviving eyewitness of Jesus Christ. He wrote the gospel John about 10 years before these letters. All the other apostles had died. Due to him physically walking and knowing Jesus in the flesh, John's testimony was highly authoritative. False teachers were infecting the church by discrediting the Deity of Jesus Christ and God's work through Jesus on the cross for our redemption of sin. John wrote these churches to affirm Jesus' Deity from the beginning of time and the necessity to follow what Jesus commanded. John challenges them to guard, much like Paul did in Philippians, against false doctrine the was trying to lessen and/or directly oppose what Scripture stated to be true.

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.

Day 1 (verses 1-4)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1John Chapter 1** out loud and complete the following verse and questions.

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our joy complete.

Verse 1:

• That which was from the _____, which we have _____, which we have _____ with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have _____—this we _____ concerning the Word of _____.

• Write out **Genesis 1:1-2** _____

• **Question:** According to **Genesis 1:2**, Who hovered over the the waters before creation?

• Write out **John 1:1-3:** _____

• **Question:** According to **John 1:1=2**, how long has the Word been with God? _____

• **Question:** According to **John 1:3**, how much was made through the Word (meaning Jesus, God's Son)?

Verse 2:

• The _____ appeared; we have seen it and _____ to it, and we proclaim to you the _____ life, which was with the Father and has appeared to _____.

• Write out **John 1:14**:

Verse 3:

• We proclaim to you what we have _____ and heard, so that you _____ may have fellowship with us.
• And our _____ is with the Father and with his _____, Jesus Christ.

• **Question:** In **1John 1:3**, Who do we learn that we fellowship with when we fellowship with other believers in Christ? _____

Verse 4:

• We _____ this to make our joy _____.

Day 2 (1John1:5-10)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1John Chapter 1** out loud and complete the following verse and questions.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** 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, purifies us from all sin. **8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Verse 5:

• This is the _____ we have _____ from him and _____ to you: God is _____; in him there is _____ darkness at all.

• **Question:** According to **1John 1:5**, what is the message that John has heard from the Lord Jesus and declares to his readers of this letter? _____.

Verse 6:

• If we _____ to have fellowship with him and yet _____ in the darkness, we lie and do _____ live out the _____.

• **Questions:**

• According to **1John 1:6**, how do “we lie and do not live out the truth”?

_____.

• What do you think that it means to “walk in the darkness”? _____

Verse 7:

• But _____ we walk in the light, as he _____ in the light, we have _____ with one another, and the _____ of Jesus, his Son, _____ us from all sin.

• **Questions:**

• According to **1John 1:7**, what do we have with one another if we walk in the light as Jesus is in the light? _____.

• According to **1John 1:7**, what does the blood of Jesus, His Son do to our sin?

_____.

Verse 8:

- If we claim to be _____ sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is _____ in us.
- **Questions:**
- According to **1John 1:8**, what do we do to ourselves if we claim to be without sin? _____
- According to **1John 1:8**, if we deceive ourselves by claiming to be without sin, what is not in us?

Verse 9:

- If we _____ our sins, he is faithful and _____ and will forgive us our sins and _____ us from all unrighteousness.
- **Questions:**
- According to **1John 1:9**, what must we do with our sins in order for God through Jesus Christ to forgive and cleanse us? _____
- According to **1John 1:9**, what will God through Jesus Christ cleanse us from? _____

Verse 10:

- If we claim we have _____ sinned, we make him out to be a _____ and his word is not _____ us.
- **Questions:**
- According to **1John 1:10**, what do we make God out to be if we claim that we have not sinned?

- According to **1John 1:10**, what is not in us if we claim we have not sinned? _____
- Why do you think it is so important for us to recognize that sin lives within us even in the midst of being saved? _____

Day 3 (1John 2:1-2)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1John Chapter 2** out loud and complete the following verse and questions.

2 1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Verse 1:

- My _____ children, I write this to you so that you will _____ sin.
- But if anybody _____ sin, we have an _____ with the Father—Jesus _____, the Righteous One.
- **Questions:**
- According to **1John 2:1**, why is the apostle John writing to this church? _____
- According to **1John 2:1**, Who is our advocate with the Father if anybody does sin? _____
- According to **1John 2:1**, Jesus Christ is also known as the _____ One.

Verse 2:

- He is the _____ sacrifice for our _____, and not only for ours but _____ for the sins of the _____ world.
- **Questions:**
- According to **1John 2:2**, Jesus is the atoning what for our sins? _____
- According to **1John 2:2**, Jesus Christ not only atoned for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole what? _____.

- Write **John 3:16**:

- **Questions:**

- According to **John 3:16**, why did God send His Son into the world? _____
- According to **John 3:16**, who did Jesus die for? _____
- According to **John 3:16**, what do those in the “world” have to do to be saved?

- Write out **Mark 3:28-29**:

- **Questions:**

- According to **Mark 3:29**, what is the only unforgivable sin? _____
- According to **Mark 3:29**, what will those who blaspheme against the _____
- Since the “blaspheme against the Holy Spirit” is denying that Jesus is God’s Son, what type of sin (according to **Mark 3:29**) would a person who does this be guilty of? _____.

Day 4 (1John 2:3-6)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word. Read **1John Chapter 2** out loud and complete the following verse and questions.

3 We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. **4** Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. **5** But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: **6** Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Verse 3:

- We _____ that we have come to _____ him (Jesus) if we keep his _____.

- **Questions:**

- According to **1John 2:3**, how do we know that we have come to know Jesus?
_____.

- Where can we learn about Jesus’ commands? _____.

- Write out **John 8:31** _____

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

- Write out **John 14:23** _____

- Write out **John 14:24** _____

- **Question:** What is Jesus teaching us, in **John 14:23-24**, about what it says when we choose to obey or not obey His teachings (commands)? _____

Verse 4:

- Whoever says, "I _____ him," but does _____ do what he commands is a _____, and the _____ is not in that person.
- **Question:** According to **1John 2:4**, what does it make a person who says they know Jesus, but does not do what He commands?
_____.

Verse 5-6:

- But if anyone _____ his word, love for God is _____ made complete in them.
- This is _____ we know we _____ in him:
- Whoever _____ to live in him _____ live as Jesus did.
- **Questions:**
 - According to **1John 2:5**, our love of Who is truly made complete when we obey His Word? _____
 - According to **1John 2:6**, if we claim to live in Him, who must we live like? _____

Day 5 - (1John 2:7-11)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1John Chapter 2** out loud and complete the following verse and questions.

7 Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. **8** Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. **9** Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. **10** Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. **11** But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

Verse 7:

- Dear _____, I am not writing you a new _____ but an old one, which you have had since the _____.
- This _____ command is the message you have _____.
- **Questions:**
 - What does the apostle John call his readers in **1John 2:7**? _____
 - According to **1John 2:7**, how long have they had this command? _____

Verse 8:

- _____ I am writing you a _____ command; its _____ is seen in him and in you, because the _____ is passing and the _____ light is already shining.

Verse 9:

- Anyone who claims to be _____ the light but _____ a brother or sister is _____ in the darkness.
- **Question:** According to **1John 2:9**, where can hatred toward another put us? _____

Verse 10:

- Anyone who _____ their brother and sister _____ in the light, and there is _____ in them to make them _____.
- **Questions:**
 - According to **1John 2:10**, where does loving another person live? _____
 - According to **1John 2:10**, what is the benefit for us living “in the light”? _____

Verse 11:

- But _____ who hates a brother or sister is in the _____ and walks around in the darkness.
 - They do not _____ where they are going, because the darkness has _____ them.
 - **Questions:**
 - According to **1John 2:11**, what does the darkness do to a person? _____
 - After studying **1John 2:7-11**, what is the best way to daily stay “in the light”? _____
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Next study guide, we will finish 1John 2:12-29.