

1John Study Guide - 1John 5 (New International Version)

Review:

Ch. 1. - The apostle John begins his letter to the church by reminding them of Jesus' Deity (He is God) and how that knowledge sheds light on who they are within Him. If they are of Jesus, they must walk like Jesus and not the world. If they live like the world, then they are not of God and His truth isn't really in them. They must examine their hearts. If they recognize that they are not truly saved, they must confess and repent so that Jesus will cleanse them.

Ch. 2. - Jesus is our Advocate and the One Who paid for our sin. This should bring us comfort that our faith in Jesus Christ frees us from the penalty of sin. The apostle John explains how their actions can demonstrate where their faith is at that point. Do they keep God's commands (i.e. follow what the Scriptures say)? If not, then they lie to themselves that they are a Christian. In order to walk like Jesus did when He was on this earth, we must abide in Him (i.e. be in His Word daily and pray). John refreshes the old command of loving one's brother/sister by saying that if we hate them, the love of God can't be present within us. This will lead us to darkness by drawing us away from God and closer to the world's ways. John cautions the church to beware of those against Christ ("anti"-christs) since we're living in the last "hour" (that "hour" began at the cross and indicates an "era").

Ch. 3 - John begins to explain the privilege of being God's child and to not be surprised that the world does not like us. Our will (either self-will or submitted will) exposes the genuineness of who our "parent" truly is (the world or God)? John reminds the church the world is passing away and that it doesn't like us because we are God's children. John then goes on to define God's love and explains that if we are of God, this type of love will be manifested within us.

Ch. 4 - John continues his discussion on the one who is of God is the one who keeps God's commandments and loves others. This love of others would never be in violation of what God commands. It is a love that denies self and glorifies God by keeping His Word. When we love in this way, we demonstrate Whose we are and make God real to others. John cautions believers to "test" those around to see if they are false teachers. Those who uphold or promote anything that opposes what God's Word says are false and doesn't confess that Jesus is God. If we follow God's Word by our life choices it shows that we are God's and are protected from the day of judgement and can be unafraid of punishment. Our hearts toward others should always be a love from the heart that will long for the redemption of others to Christ no matter what they have done. Not that they continue in their sin; but they repent of it to seek forgiveness from God through His Son, Jesus Christ. Our love of others in this way shows our love of God. God desires none to perish; but all to come to repentance. (**2 Peter 3:9**)

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. If you have any questions, write them down and we'll discuss them when we meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 am.

Day 1 - 1John 5:1-4

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

Read **1John 5:1-4** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. **2** This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. **3** In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, **4** for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

1 John 5:1:

- Everyone who believes that Jesus _____ the Christ is born of _____, and everyone who _____ the father loves his _____ as well.
 - *Christ means in Hebrew "Messiah"
 - **Questions:**
 - According to **1 John 5:1**, how many people are excluded from believing that Jesus is the Christ is born of God? _____
 - According to **1 John 5:1**, everyone who loves the father must also love who? _____
 - Write **Matthew 3:16:17** : _____
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- According to **Matthew 3:16-17** That you just wrote out, Who is God's Son ? _____
 - If Jesus is God's Son and we love the Father, what must we also do, according to **1John 5:1**? _____
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1 John 5:2:

- This is how we _____ that we love the _____ of God: by loving _____ and carrying out his _____.
- **Questions:** - How do we know that we love the children of God?
_____ and _____

1 John 5:3:

- In fact, _____ is love for God: to _____ his commands.
- And his commands are _____ burdensome,
- **Questions:**
 - What is love for God? (Ie What does **1John 5:3** teach us in how we show our love for God?)

 - What are God's commands not? _____.

1 John 5:4:

- for _____ born of God _____ the world.
- This is the _____ that has overcome the _____, even our faith.
- **Questions:**
 - Those who are born again (born of God) overcome the world (have victory) through their what? (**Hint:** answered at end of **1John 5:4**)

Day 2 - 1John 5:5-8

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1John 5:5-8** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. **6** This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. **7** For there are three that testify: **8** the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

1 John 5:5:

- Who is it that _____ the world? Only the one who _____ that Jesus _____ the Son of God.

Questions:

- According to **1John 5:5**,
 - how would you define a person who has overcome the world? _____
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- can a person be a Christian if they do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God? _____

- why is it necessary that Jesus be Deity (i.e. the Son of God)? _____
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1 John 5:6:

- This _____ the one who came by water and blood—_____ Christ.
- **Question:** Jesus Christ is the one who came by what 2 areas? _____ and _____

***water is his physical baptism by John the Baptist and blood is His physical death on the cross.**

- He did not come by water _____, but by _____ and blood.

***John writes this to counter the false teaching that has crept into the church that somehow Jesus was not God on the cross. Jesus' Deity is demonstrated both through His physical baptism AND His physical death on the cross.**

- And it is the Spirit who _____, because the Spirit is the _____.

Questions:

- Who bears witness that Jesus Christ came by water and blood?

- Why can we believe the Spirit that bears witness? Because the Spirit is what? _____

1 John 5:7-8:

- For there are _____ that testify:
- the Spirit, the _____ and the blood; and the three are in _____.
- **Question:** Who are the three that testify and are in agreement? _____, _____, and _____

- Write out **last sentence of Deuteronomy**

19:15: _____.

- Write out **John**

8:17-18 : _____

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- Based on these verses (**Deuteronomy 19:15** and **John 8:17-18**), how important was it to have witnesses to establish truth of what someone was testifying?
_____.

Day 3 - Various Scriptures

Today, we'll study how **all 3 (water, blood, Spirit)** testified that Jesus was Deity. I have NIV translation here, but you are welcome to look at your own personal translation, if you would like to compare.

Jesus' baptism in **Matthew 3:13-18**:

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. **14** But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" **15** Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. **16** As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

- **Questions (from Matthew 3:13-18):**
 - As soon as Jesus was baptized and came up from the water, what opened? _____
 - Who descended like a dove? _____
 - *the Spirit of God is the Holy Spirit, the 3rd in the Triune
 - What did the "voice from heaven" say?

 - If the voice identified Jesus as His Son, who do you think is the "voice"?

As we move through this passage (compare **Mark 1:10-11** and **Luke 3:21-22**), we see the Triune - God, the Father (1st in the Triune), Jesus, God the Son (2nd in the Triune) and the Holy Spirit, the Power of God (3rd in the Triune) in perfect agreement/unity bearing witness of Jesus' Deity at His water baptism.

Let's now look at **Jesus' crucifixion** (He, as God, shed His human blood for our sin debt):

- in **Matthew 27:54**:

54 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

 - **Question (from Matthew 27:54):** What did the Roman centurion exclaim in terror?
_____.
- in **John 20:25-27** (after Jesus was resurrected):

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." **26** A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

 - **Question (from John 20:25-27):** Since Thomas had physically seen Jesus crucified/killed, why is it significant for it to be recorded that he put his finger where the nails were and his hand into Jesus' pierced side? _____
- in **Hebrews 9:14** (after Jesus was resurrected):

14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

- **Question (from Hebrews 9:14):** how did Jesus Christ offer His blood unblemished to God on our behalf? Through the _____.

Day 4 - 1John 5:9-12

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1John 5:9-12** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. **10** Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. **11** And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life..

1 John 5:9:

- We _____ human testimony, but _____ testimony is greater because it is the _____ of God, which he has given about his _____.
- **Question:** Why should we accept God's testimony above human testimony? _____
- Write out **2Timothy 3:16-17:**

Questions:

- Based up **2Timothy 3:16-17**, Who is the author of the Bible (Scripture)? _____
- Where can we find God's testimony? _____

1 John 5:10:

- Whoever _____ in the Son of God _____ this testimony.
- Whoever does _____ believe God has _____ him out to be a liar, _____ they have not _____ the testimony _____ has given about his Son..
- **Questions:**
 - If we believe in the Son of God, Whose testimony do we accept? _____
 - Write out Jesus' words in **John 13:19-20:** _____

- If we don't believe God that Jesus is His Son, then what do we make God out to be? _____

1 John 5:11:

- And _____ is the testimony: God has _____ us eternal life, and this _____ is in his Son.
- **Question:** What is the testimony that God has given us in His Son? _____

1 John 5:12:

- Whoever _____ the Son has life;
- whoever does not have the _____ of God does _____ have life.
- **Question:** how would you summarize **1John 5:12?** _____

Day 5 - 1John 5:13-15

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1 John 5:13-15** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. **14** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 John 5:13:

- I _____ these things to you who _____ in the name of the _____ of God so that you may _____ that you have _____ life.
 - **Question:** Why is John writing to those who believe in the name of the Son of God?
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1 John 5:14-15:

- This is the _____ we have in _____ God: that if we _____ anything _____ to his will, he _____ us.
- And if we _____ that he hears us—_____ we ask—we know that we _____ what we asked of him.

- **Questions:**

- What is the confidence we have in approaching God?
_____.
- What is the criteria of the “anything” that we ask God for? Whose “will” must it be according to? God’s or ours? _____.
- If we ask according to God’s will, what can we be assured that He does what with us? _____.

Write out **James 4:3:** _____

Question: According to **James 4:3**, why do we not get what we ask God for sometimes?
_____.

this goes back to the one who knows and loves God - that person will keep His commands. Our humanness may lead us to ask for things that may be against His commands (and may actually tempt us to trust more in the world, instead of God). We must have faith and trust in God’s Sovereign character that He will answer in unity with His commands and will - for His glory and our good.

Day 6 - 1John 5:16-21

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **1 John 5:16-21** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

16 If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.. **17** All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death. **18** We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. **19** We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. **20** We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. **21** Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 John 5:16:

- If you _____ any brother or sister commit a _____ that does not _____ to death, _____ should _____ and God will _____ them life.
- **Questions:**
 - Since John is talking about a brother or sister Christian, what are we, as fellow Christians, suppose to do if we see them committing a sin? _____.
 - What will God give them if we pray for them? _____.
- I refer to _____ whose sin does _____ lead to death.
 - **Question:** What type of sin does John refer to here? _____.
- There _____ a sin that leads to _____. I am _____ saying that you should _____ about that.
 - **Question:** John says that there is a sin that leads to death and what are we not suppose to do if a fellow Christian commits this? _____

*John is defining for us the perimeters of our prayer. God hears the prayers of His children. If a person, however, has hardened their hearts toward God and continued in a life of sin through rebellion against God's commands, there is a time when God says enough. A person must recognize their sin in order to be saved and that recognition rests with each person individually.

1 John 5:17:

- All wrongdoing is _____, and there is sin that does not lead to _____.
- **Questions:** What is all wrongdoing? _____

1 John 5:18:

- We _____ that anyone _____ of God does not _____ to sin;
- the One who was born of God _____ them safe, and the evil one _____ harm them.
- **Questions:**
 - Can a person born of God continually sin? _____
 - If a person continually sins, is that person truly "born of God" (ie a Christian)? _____

1 John 5:19:

- We know that we are _____ of God, and that the whole world is under the _____ of the evil one.
- **Question** - what is the whole world under the control of? _____

1 John 5:20:

- We know _____ that the Son of God has _____ and has given us _____, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.
- **Questions:**
 - Why has the Son of God come to give us? _____
 - What is the understanding that God has given us? _____
 - How are we in Him who is true? _____
 - According to the last sentence of **1John 5:20**, the apostle John declares Jesus Christ is the _____ and _____.

1 John 5:21:

- Dear _____, keep yourselves from _____.
- **Question:** What is the last thing that the apostle John says to keep away from?

Write out **Exodus 20:3-4:**

Based upon **Exodus 20:3-4**, why do you think it is important for us to keep away from idols?

*Idols, in today's day in time, are those distractions in our lives that take our attention away from the things of God. Pray and ask God to show you if there are any idols in your life that you need to surrender to Him. When He shows you, pray for strength and follow through to surrender them to Him.

Write down any questions about 1 John you may have and we can discuss those: