

## 1John Study Guide - 1John 4

### **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 speak to where their faith is within them. Do they want to keep God's commands (i.e. intentionally try to 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 Pentecost with the "birth of the church in **Acts 2** and indicates an "era" that continues until Christ's return).

**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.

### **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 4:1-3**

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **1John 4:1-3** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**1** Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

#### **1 John 4:1:**

- Dear friends, do \_\_\_\_\_ believe every \_\_\_\_\_, but test the spirits to see \_\_\_\_\_ they are from God, because many \_\_\_\_\_ prophets have gone out into the world.
- **Questions:**
  - What are we not to believe? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What should we do with the spirits to see whether they are from God? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Why do we need to test the spirits to see if they are from God? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Where have the false prophets gone out into? \_\_\_\_\_
- Write out **1John 2:17**: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **1 John 4:2:**

- This is \_\_\_\_\_ you can recognize the Spirit of God:
- Every spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus Christ has come in the \_\_\_\_\_ is from God,
- **Questions:** - How do we recognize the Spirit of God? (See **last part of 1John 4:2**)  
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**1 John 4:3:**

- but every spirit that does \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- This is the spirit of the \_\_\_\_\_, which you have heard is \_\_\_\_\_ and even now is already in the world.
- **Questions:**
  - Looking at **verses 2 and 3 of 1John 4**, how would you describe the difference between a person who has the Spirit of God and the person who does not?  
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  - Since the apostle John shares that “many antichrists” have come into the world to destroy the work of the church, what do learn about a person’s faith if they do not acknowledge Jesus as coming from God (as stated in **verses 2-3**)?  
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**Day 2 - 1John 4:4-6**

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word. Read **1John 4:4-6** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**4** You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. **5** They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit[a] of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

**1 John 4:4:**

- You, dear \_\_\_\_\_, are from God and have \_\_\_\_\_ them, because the one who \_\_\_\_\_ in you is \_\_\_\_\_ than the one who is in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Question:** According to this verse, how can we know that we have confidence that we have overcome the deceptions of the world? (Read the last portion of verse 4 for answer) - \_\_\_\_\_  
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**1 John 4:5:**

- They are \_\_\_\_\_ the world and \_\_\_\_\_ speak from the viewpoint of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the world \_\_\_\_\_ to them.
  - **Question:** People of the world listen to what viewpoint? God’s or the world’s? \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 4:6:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ are from God, and whoever \_\_\_\_\_ God listens to us;
  - **Question:** Who are people from if they listen to the things of God? \_\_\_\_\_
- but whoever is \_\_\_\_\_ from God does not \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
  - **Question:** Do people who are not from God listen to the things of God? \_\_\_\_\_
- This is \_\_\_\_\_ we recognize the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Question:** According to this verse, how can we recognize those who are of the Spirit of truth (i.e. God) and those who are of the spirit of falsehood (i.e. the world)? \_\_\_\_\_
- **Question:** Based upon **1John 4:6**, should we be surprised when the worldly people don’t act Christlike? \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Day 3 - 1John 4:7-12**

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **1John 4:7-12** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**7** Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

#### **1 John 4:7:**

- Dear friends, let us \_\_\_\_\_ one another, for love \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
- **Question:** Where does love for others come from? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ who loves has been born of God and \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- **Question:** When we love others, what 2 things about our relationship with God does that reveal?
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **1 John 4:8:**

- Whoever does \_\_\_\_\_ love does not know God, because God \_\_\_\_\_ love.
- Write down **1 Corinthians 13:4-7** - \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### **1 John 4:9:**

- This is \_\_\_\_\_ - God showed his love \_\_\_\_\_ us:
- He \_\_\_\_\_ his one and \_\_\_\_\_ Son into the world that we \_\_\_\_\_ live through him.
- **Question:** How did God show His love for us? (Reread **last part of verse 9** for answer): \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### **1 John 4:10:**

- This \_\_\_\_\_ love: not that \_\_\_\_\_ loved God, but that \_\_\_\_\_ loved us and sent his Son as an \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice for our sins.
  - **Question:** Why did God send His Son into the world as an atoning sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **1 John 4:11:**

- Dear friends, \_\_\_\_\_ God so loved us, we \_\_\_\_\_ ought to love one another.
  - **Question:** Why should we also ought to love one another? \_\_\_\_\_
- Write out **John 13:34-35** - \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### **1 John 4:12:**

- No one has ever \_\_\_\_\_ God; but if we love one another, God \_\_\_\_\_ in us and his love is \_\_\_\_\_ complete in us.

**Day 4 - 1John 4:13-16**

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **1 John 4:13-16** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**13** This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **15** If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. **16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

**1 John 4:13:**

- This is \_\_\_\_\_ we know that we live \_\_\_\_\_ him and he in us:
- He has \_\_\_\_\_ us of his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Question:** How do we know that we live in him (Christ) and He in us? \_\_\_\_\_

Write out **John 14:16-17:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**1 John 4:14:**

- And we have \_\_\_\_\_ and testify that the Father has sent \_\_\_\_\_ Son to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
  - **Question:** What has the apostle John, the writer of this letter, seen and testified? \_\_\_\_\_
- Write out **John 3:16** - \_\_\_\_\_

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**1 John 4:15:**

- If anyone \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God, God \_\_\_\_\_ in them and \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
  - **Question:** What does it say about a person spiritually if they acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God? \_\_\_\_\_
- Write out **Matthew 16:16-17:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**1 John 4:16:**

- And so we know and \_\_\_\_\_ on the love God \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ love.
  - **Question:** Who is love? \_\_\_\_\_
- Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ in love lives in God, and \_\_\_\_\_ in them.
  - **Question:** Whoever lives in love lives in Who? \_\_\_\_\_

**Day 5 - 1John 4:17-21**

**Pray** God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.  
Read **1 John 4:17-21** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

**17** This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. **18** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

**19** We love because he first loved us. **20** Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **21** And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

**1 John 4:17:**

- This is how love is made \_\_\_\_\_ among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.
- **Questions:**
  - How is love made complete among us? Who are we like in this world? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What confidence will we have by knowing that our love is complete in this world when we are like Jesus? (i.e. what time in the future?) \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 4:18:**

- There is no \_\_\_\_\_ in love.
  - **Question:** What is not a part of love? \_\_\_\_\_
- But \_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear, \_\_\_\_\_ fear has to do with punishment.
  - **Questions:**
    - What drives out fear? \_\_\_\_\_
    - What does fear have to do with? \_\_\_\_\_
    - Who took our punishment for us? (See **1John 2:1-2**) \_\_\_\_\_
- The one who fears is \_\_\_\_\_ made perfect in \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 John 4:19:**

- We \_\_\_\_\_ because he \_\_\_\_\_ loved us.
  - **Question:** Why do we love? \_\_\_\_\_
- Write out **Romans 5:8** - \_\_\_\_\_  
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**1 John 4:20:**

- Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ to love God \_\_\_\_\_ hates a brother or sister is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- For whoever does not \_\_\_\_\_ their brother and sister, whom they have \_\_\_\_\_, cannot love \_\_\_\_\_, whom they have not seen.

**1 John 4:21:**

- And he has given us this \_\_\_\_\_: Anyone who loves God \_\_\_\_\_ also love their brother \_\_\_\_\_ sister.
  - **Question:** What is the command for anyone who loves God?  
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