

Seven Bible Studies 2017

Epistles

November 26: 1 John 1-3 (Ryan Ingle)

Sunday, November 26 ~ 1 John 1 - 3

CH 1

This letter starts out very similarly to Peter in the fact the author (believed to be John) addresses the fact he was present when God (Christ) was here on earth. This Christ, who brings eternal life to us, was witnessed by us that we may proclaim Him to others so that they may enjoy the fellowship with us because of Him.

How great are the following verses the I can't leave any of it out! We should meditate on these verses often as we think we are living our lives for God, but when you really get down to it, we are often times tricking ourselves. The Devil is a Sly Old Fox!

"...God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 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. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us."

1 John 1:5-10

Make sure this passage is highlighted in your bible

CH 2

Christ is our atonement for our sins!! "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—" Romans 3:23-25

Just like in the first chapter where if we still walk in darkness, we are not part of Him, so also if we claim to "know Him", but yet don't follow His commands, we are liars! "But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did." 1 John 2:5-6

Make sure you are following the greatest commandment... To love one another! If a brother or sister hates another, they are walking in darkness. They do not know the light. They have been blinded by darkness!! -How true, and how scary this fact is! Darkness is powerful. Look at how much hate is in the world and how it seems to continue to rise!

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2:15, 17

Be on the utmost guard against your earthly desires. Don't let this world entice you and pull you away from God! Remember, this earth will pass away and what awaits us will be far superior to anything this earth has to offer. Also keep in mind, if you get wrapped up in this world, far greater pain and agony awaits you when your life is complete here on earth.

Verse twenty reassures these gentiles they have been following the truth. No less come from this truth.

Who then is a liar? The one who denies Christ. If you deny Christ is the Son of God you deny the Father! Whoever acknowledges the Son, has the Father.

Don't be deceived by those who wish to lead you astray! You know the truth. Remain in it deeply and the truth will remain in you for eternity! Through eternal life!

“If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.” 2:29

Do those who are of the world know you're with Christ? Can they see a difference in you from others? Can other Christians see you are of Christ?

CH 3

This verse alone would fill your heart with joy today as we go and worship Christ our savior!! “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.” 3:1

We will see Christ the way he is as we will be transformed like Him! Praise God! This should motivate each and everyone of us to do our best in serving God!

No one who lives deeply in Christ makes a practice of sin. We should try to abstain from sin as it separates us from Christ and endangers our soul. Don't let others lead you astray from God! “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. 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 3:9-10

We should not be like Cain as he killed his brother. Caine actions were evil where Abel was righteous. He followed God's command... Don't be surprised if the world hates you. They don't understand you if you truly are of Christ. “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.” 1 John 3:14

We should be as Christ in love. He died for us!! So also should we show love towards our brothers and sisters who are in need. If we have a material possession one of our brothers or sisters is in need of and we don't try to help, how can we say we are part of God? “Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18

God is all-powerful and all-knowing! He knows our true heart. We should practice His greatest command, “And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. 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.” 23-24

Can you see others who are Christians living this example in their lives? They truly just love other people and want to help them. They show hospitality and humility. These are the

individuals I feel who truly reflect Christ! Let's all strive to show true love towards each other and God!

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.” John 15:12-13

Comment:

Butch O'Neal:
Thank you, Ryan!

Comment:

Marc Hermon:
1 John is such a good read.

Comment:

Ginger Hermon:

Thank you, Ryan! I started to post last night but fell asleep while typing 🤔 I really love this book. John does a wonderful job exhorting Christians to live by faith and remember the one who lives in you is greater than the one who is in the world. Praise God we have assurance of salvation because we are redeemed!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=GXI0B4iMLuU>
MercyMe - Greater

December 2: 1 John 4-5 (Ryan Ingle)

Sunday, Dec 2 ~ 1 John 4 - 5

CH 4

Be on your guard!! Don't allow yourselves to be fouled by false prophets. Test them as to whether Christ is the Son of God. If they say He isn't, this is the sign of an Antichrist.

“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.” 1 John 4:4

John goes on to further explain how the world understand those from the world and those who are from God understands and listens to us.

Love is from God and of God. Everyone who lives has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God. Good showed His true love in sending Christ to die for us. “Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 4:11

“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.” 1 John 4:15

If we truly love and truly love God, we should not fear if our love is perfect love. God showed us how to love. If we love God and hate our brother, then they are liars. If you don't love your brother or sister you have seen, how can you love God, whom you have not seen?

CH 5

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.” 5:1-2

In order to overcome this world, we need to have the love of God. We need to believe in His Son and know that Christ is the Son of God.

Christ was born through the watery baptism and shed his blood on the cross. The spirit gives testimony to this. God's testimony is greater than man's and so we know this to be true.

“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. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”
1 John 5:10-12

John wraps this letter up by reaffirming that if you believe in the Son of God, you may have eternal life through Him. We have confidence in knowing if we all of God, He hears us.

If you see your brother or sister sinning, you should pray for them, if it isn't the unforgivable sin.

“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.” 1 John 5:20

Comment:

Butch O'Neal:
Thank you, Ryan!

Replies:

Ryan Ingle:
Your welcome!

Comment:

Ginger Hermon:
Thanks, Ryan! The Greatest Commands will be on my mind tonight after reading this passage.

♥ <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-yo2Y5iGqU>

Replies:

Joanne Caffie:
Thank you Ginger... That was a very refreshing thing to hear at 6am in the morning

Ginger Hermon:

Joanne Caffie Have a joyous day! Love you sweet sister! ♥♥

Joanne Caffie:
And you as well!!!

Comment:

Francisco Pagulayan:

Thanks for the good passage and a reminder for me too, great!!!!!!! Good job brother