

# NOTES FOR THIS COMING WEEK: 4/26-27/2020

## THIS WEEK'S STUDY:

**1 JOHN 2:24 - 3:1-3**

**Let Truth Abide in You - 1Jn 2:24-27**

**The Children of God - 1Jn 2:28-29 – 3:1-3**

**7 PM MONDAY NIGHT & 7 AM TUESDAY MORNING ONLINE BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS:**

**WE WILL CONTINUE IN CHAPTER TWO, VERSE 24 OF THE EPISTLE OF FIRST JOHN!**

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### ***THE LOVE OF GOD - Frederick Lehman – Phelps, Penrod & Gardner***

*The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.*

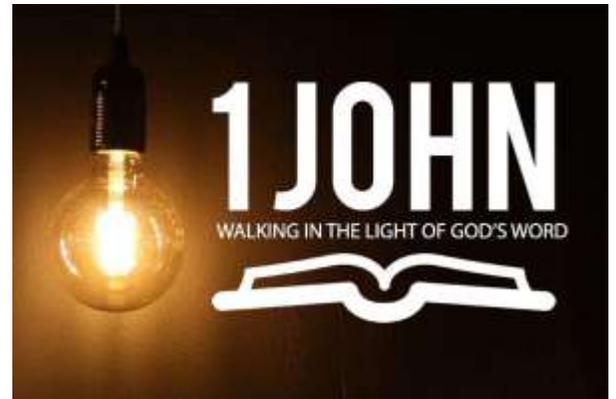
*Refrain:*

*Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky. (Refrain)*

# THE EPISTLE OF 1 JOHN

- FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
- First John has been called the “Holy of Holies” of the New Testament. It takes the believer, the child of God, across the threshold into the fellowship of our Father’s house!
- A comparison or division of First John has been made that the Book of Romans deals with how we come out of the house of bondage; Ephesians is how we enter the banquet house; Hebrews is how we approach the throne of grace, but I John is how we approach His Divine Presence!
- Most people understand that the important things in life are not material things at all. God has put a desire for relationship in every one of us, a desire He intended to be met with relationships with other people, but most of all, to be met by a relationship with Him.
- In this remarkable letter, John tells us the truth about relationships - and shows us how to have relationships that are real, for both now and eternity. **The purpose of the Epistle is to bring you into relationship with God.**
- It is the “family” epistle! It’s not addressed to any person, city or church. The church is a body of believers in the position where we are blessed, having been given that position when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Believing on Christ brings us into the family of God.
- In the family we have a relationship which can be broken by sin, but it is restored when “we confess our sins.” Then *“He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:9)
- Written around 90 A.D. John was the last living apostle, who at that time was the apostle who hadn’t been martyred for Christ. John was a living eyewitness!
- The heresy of Gnosticism was gaining a foothold in the Church when John wrote this letter. The Gnostics believed that all material was evil and therefore that Jesus was not in a living body like ours but was a phantom when He lived on the Earth and didn't have a body of flesh.
- John sought to correct the heresy by emphasizing the deity of Jesus Christ in his writings as one who was with Jesus, walking with Him and observing Him during His public ministry. We will see this testimony of the living Christ in this epistle.
- Four verses in which state John’s purpose in writing this epistle can be summarized:



- *1 John 1:4* – (J-joy) That your joy may be full!
- *1 John 2:1* – (A-advocate) That you sin not!
- *1 John 2:26* – (D-deception) That you be not deceived-prevent heresy!
- *1 John 5:13* – (E-eternal life) That you may know that you have eternal life!
- Phrases and Words frequently used in 1 John: *he who* – 30x; *we know* – 16x; *if we* – 10x; *by this we know* – 8x; *if we say* – 3x
- Words: *God* - 57x; *know (known)* – 37x; *love* – 36x; *sin/s/ed/ing* - 27x; *Son of God* – 23x; *if* – 21x; *commandment* – 14x; *life* – 13x; *have written* – 13 x; *Jesus* – 11x; *believe* – 10x; *Holy Spirit* – 7x; *light* – 5x.

## **1 JOHN 2:24 - 3:1-3**

**Review:**

**The Word of Life: *1Jn 1:1-3***

**Walking in the Light: *1Jn 1:4-10***

**Christ Our Advocate: *1Jn 2:1-6***

**The New Commandment: *1Jn 2:7-14***

**Do Not Love the World: *1Jn 2:15-17***

**Warning Concerning Antichrists: *1Jn 2:18-19***

**Deceptions of the Last Hour: *1Jn 2:20-23***

***1Jn 2:20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.***

***1Jn 2:21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.***

***1Jn 2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.***

***1Jn 2:23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.***

## **Let Truth Abide in You - *1Jn 2:24-27***

***1Jn 2:24 Therefore let that* (the truth of the Gospel, the Word of God, the truth of Christ) ***abide*** (*meno* -permanently adhere) ***in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning*** (having always been taught. Don't follow new teaching!) ***abides*** (*meno* - remains) ***in you, (2Jn 1:6-7) This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk*****

in it. [7] For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

**you also will abide** (meno - continue) **in the Son and in the Father.** (Joh 14:23) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

- It is the truth of Christ abiding in us that is the means of severing us from sin and uniting us to the Son of God and to the Father. We don't need new doctrine! We need new and deeper experiences with God in the old doctrine, the Apostles' doctrine!

**1Jn 2:25 And this is the promise that He has promised us** (not prosperity, good health, good circumstances, not Jesus "and" but one thing, only through Him – eternal (aionois) life!)—**eternal life.** (Joh 3:14-16) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15] that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal (aionois) life. [16] For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting (aionois) life. (Joh 6:40) And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting (aionois) life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (Joh 17:2-3) as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal (aionois, perpetual) life to as many as You have given Him. [3] And this is eternal (aionois) life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

- Great is the promise that God makes to His faithful believing servants. It is eternal life, which none but God can give. God puts great value upon His Son, and the truth relating to Him, when He is pleased to promise to those who continue in that truth. Nothing superior to that can be given anywhere, anyplace and in anything!

**1Jn 2:26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you** (lead you astray). (Act 20:29) For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. (1Ti 4:1) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

- John's **third reason** for writing this letter is that we may not be deceived nor taken in by heresy, which make Scripture insignificant and fruitless.
- In order to guard you against their arts. He refers to the fact that there was danger that they might be led into error. The deceivers that were among them were labouring to pervert the followers of Christ.

**1Jn 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you,**

*(Joh 14:16) And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— (Joh 16:13) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

- This abiding and anointing are what enables them and us to continue in the truth.

**and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing** *(Jer 31:33) But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (Eph 4:11-12) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, [12] for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

**teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.** *(Joh 14:16) And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide (to be with you forever), with you forever—*

- The Holy Spirit teaches us to abide in Christ, also securing you, laying a restraint upon your hearts and minds so that you may not depart from Him. He has brought this far and will take us all the way!

## **The Children of God - 1Jn 2:28-29 – 3:1-3**

**1Jn 2:28 And now, little children** (born again ones), **abide in Him, that when He appears,** *(Mat 24:44-46) Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. [45] "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? [46] Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. (the will of God!)*

**we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming** (At the Rapture of the church. Watching, waiting, working! We need to take inventory now!) *(1Jn 3:21) Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. (1Jn 4:17) Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. (1Jn 5:14) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

- This is our promise of eternal life if we abide in Jesus Christ.

- In these five verses (*1 Jn 2:28-3:3*), John has given five features of the believer's hope.

***1Jn 2:29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that*** (*Act 22:14*) *Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth.*

***everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.*** (*1Jn 3:7, 10*) *Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. [10] In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

- We know intuitively that *Jesus is righteous*, but we know by experience that *everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him!*

## Chapter Three:

***1Jn 3:1 Behold what manner of love*** (think about this Divine, Holy, other world, kind of love, whereby you are named as born again Christians – to believe His love, not necessarily to feel it!) ***the Father has bestowed on us*** (*1Jn 4:10*) *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

***that we should be called children of God!*** (No Gnostic could ever make you a child of God) (*Joh 1:12*) *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: (John 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

- What love!!! It's a truth that is just overwhelming! The love of God is so great, so rich, that He sent His only begotten Son in order that by your believing in Him, you might become a child of God. Adopted into the family of God and made an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. How can we even fully apprehend this truth?

***Therefore the world does not know us*** (Christians are the real aliens in the world today), ***because it did not know Him.*** (*Joh 15:18, 21*) *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. [21] But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.*

- We need to remember that Jesus, when He was being crucified, said, (***Luke 23:34***) *"Father, forgive them; they do not know what they do."* They don't comprehend that. They don't understand that. Paul wrote to the Corinthians and he said, (***1 Cor. 2:14***) *"The natural man doesn't understand the things of the Spirit: neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned.*

- It's a wonderful work of God's Spirit in our heart when He gives to us that innate kind of knowledge that I'm a child of God. Where we sort of naturally just say, Oh Father. Paul spoke of this in (**Romans 8:15**) "*the Spirit of adoption, the work of the Holy Spirit within us, whereby we just cry, Father.*" Oh, what love God has bestowed upon us that we should be called the children (sons) of God! And as such, we are an enigma to the world. They don't know us because they didn't know Him

**1Jn 3:2 Beloved** (emphatic, plural, all inclusive, now, all of you!) **now we are children of God;** (**Rom 8:15**) *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

**and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed,** (**Rom 8:18, 19, 23**) *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. [19] For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. [23] Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

- Michaelangelo and a large piece of granite – it's beautiful!

**we shall be like Him** (what an awesome thought- no sin, no defiling!), (**Rom 8:29**) *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

- At the present time, I'm a child of God, a son of God. And at the present time, the Holy Spirit is working in my life to conform me, to bring me into the image of Jesus Christ.

**for we shall see Him as He is** (in His dimensionality). (**Psa 16:11**) *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 17:15) And I will be satisfied, when I awake, in His likeness.*"

- I don't know what heaven's going to be. I don't know all of the many marvels, but I know that "when He appears, I'm going to be like Him; because I will see Him as He is."
- Everyone has a god, a master passion, or guiding principle. We become like the god we serve (**Psalm 115:4-8**) *Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. [5] They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; [6] They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; [7] They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their*

*throat. [8] Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.*

- That's just a basic philosophy of life. A man becomes like his god. If your god is false, you are becoming false. Worshipping any false god is a degrading experience but worshipping the true and living God is an awesome elevating experience!

***1Jn 3:3 And everyone who has (continual) this hope in Him purifies (continual) himself, just as He is pure. (1Jn 4:17) Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.***

- Watching for the return of Christ is a purifying force in the Church. It has a purifying effect of each of us!

## **SUMMARY- Benefits/Application:**

**Let Truth Abide in You - vs. 24-27 Lovers of one another abide in the Son and in the Father; He has promised us eternal life! His anointing on each believer is teaching us all things; protecting us from deception and heresy.**

**The Children of God - vs. 28-29 – 3:1-3 Those who abide in Him will not be ashamed. Know that He is righteous, then he who practices righteousness is born of Him. Are you watching? Are you working? Are you ready? Will He find faith in me when He returns?**

**Behold What Manner of Love – Chap. 3 vs. 1-3**

**We see an amazing and overwhelming truth here. What love the Father has bestowed on us! Incomprehensible, we just sort of stand in awe of it. To think that God loved me so much that He sent His Son. “Greater love, Jesus said, has no man than this, that man would lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). The effect or the result of that love is that we have become the children of God, now and forever! We shall be like Him! We are purified just as He is pure! He shall conform every believer to His image, His nature!**

## **Suggestions for the Coming Week:**

**To Maximize Your growth by the study of His Word and drawing yourself closer to Him.**

**Be a Berean! *Act 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.***

- **Read the entire Epistle of 1 John each day** (takes 15 min to read the 105 verses in the 5 chapters)
- **Study the use of the word “sin (sins, sinned, sinning),” – such a key word, used 27 times; Note its importance and the context in which it’s used.**
- ***1Jn 1:7*** *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*
- ***1Jn 1:8*** *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
- ***1Jn 1:9*** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- ***1Jn 1:10*** *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*
- ***1Jn 2:1*** *My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*
- ***1Jn 2:2*** *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*
- ***1Jn 2:12*** *I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.*
- ***1Jn 3:4*** *Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.*
- ***1Jn 3:5*** *And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.*
- ***1Jn 3:6*** *Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.*
- ***1Jn 3:8*** *He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*
- ***1Jn 3:9*** *Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.*
- ***1Jn 4:10*** *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*
- ***1Jn 5:16*** *If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.*
- ***1Jn 5:17*** *All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.*
- ***1Jn 5:18*** *We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.*

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