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2022 SPRING SESSION SCHEDULE (Wed_Feb.2nd—through—Wed_June.29th)

FEBRUARY (FEB.21^S: PRESIDENTS DAY)

--FEB.02ND: 1John --FEB.16TH: 1John

--FEB.09TH: 1John --FEB.23RD: 1John

MARCH (MAR.13TH: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS; SET CLOCKS 1-HOUR AHEAD)

--MAR.02ND: 2John --MAR.16TH: 3John --MAR.30TH: Obadiah

--MAR.09TH: 3John --MAR.23RD: Obadiah

APRIL (APR.10TH & 17TH: PALM & EASTER SUNDAYS; APR.21ST: NJ.ANNUAL.CONF. BEGINS)

--APR.06TH: Jonah --APR.20TH: **NO CLASS**

--APR.13TH: **NO CLASS** --APR.27TH: Jonah

MAY (MAY.08TH: MOTHER'S DAY; MAY.30TH: MEMORIAL DAY)

--MAY.04TH: Jonah --MAY.18TH: Jonah

--MAY.11TH: Jonah --MAY.25TH: Colossians

JUNE (JUN.19TH: FATHER'S DAY; AND, JUNETEENTH)

--JUN.01ST: Colossians --JUN.15TH: Colossians --JUN30TH: **FREELANCE**

--JUN.08TH: Colossians --JUN.22ND: Colossians

2022 SUMMER BREAK: Wed_JULY.06TH—through—Wed_Sep.14TH

BACKGROUND (1.JOHN). **AUTHOR:** John, the Apostle...**DATE WRITTEN:** 90 AD

- **AUTHOR.** Though controversial, the author is generally thought to be John-the Apostle who also wrote the “*Gospel of John*.” He is also thought to be the author of “*2nd John*” and “*3rd John*.” He is also known as John-the son of Zebedee, and is also thought to be same as John-the elder or presbyter.
- **AUDIENCE.** Theologians have determined that John-the Apostle wrote 1.John in his elderly years, while residing in Ephesus. It was written in “*sermon-style*” to Christian Disciples throughout Asia Minor, such as those in Ephesus.
- **THEME.** Throughout 1,2,3-John, the Apostle expresses his obvious affection and sincere concern for the next generation of Christian Disciples. He calls them his “*little children*” and offers them wisdom and guidance to ensure their spiritual welfare. He uses contrasting rhetorical tools such as light vs. darkness; love vs. hate; love of God vs. the world; children of God vs. Satan; and, the Spirit of God vs. the spirit of Antichrist to emphasis his concerns and instructions.
- **THE ISSUE.** As in our study of Jude (written between 60-to-70 AD), the heresy of Gnosticism has infected Christian Churches of John’s Day. As a reminder, among Gnosticism’s erroneous teachings were: **1)** knowledge is superior to virtue; **2)** the non-literal view of Scripture is correct and can be understood only by a select few; **3)** evil in the world precludes God being the only Creator; **4)** the Incarnation is unbelievable because deity cannot unite itself with anything material such as a body; and, **5)** there is no resurrection of the flesh!
- **BOTTOM-LINE.** Essentially, the ethical standards of many Gnostics were low, so in divine contrast, John emphasized the reality of the Incarnation and the high ethical standard of the earthly life of Jesus Christ!
- **GNOSTICISM DEFINITION.** A prominent heretical movement of the 2nd-century Christian Church, partly of pre-Christian origin. Gnostic doctrine taught that the world was created and ruled by a lesser divinity, the demiurge, and that Christ was an emissary of this remote supreme divine being’s esoteric knowledge (gnosis), who enabled the redemption of the human spirit—i.e., the conviction that physical matter is evil, and that emancipation comes through gnosis.
- **APOSTATE DEFINITION.** A previously committed person who refuses to continue to follow, obey, or recognize their former religious faith. For example, a committed Christian Disciple who turns away from the faith, and refuses to follow Christ any longer!

BACKGROUND (1.JOHN)— QUIZ (select all that are correct)

Q1 When was this book written? **a)** 60-AD; **b)** 70-BC; **c)** 90-AD; **d)** neither.

Q2 Who is the author of this book? **a)** John-the Baptist; **b)** John-the Apostle; **c)** John-the Presbyter; **d)** John-the son of Zebedee; **e)** neither.

Q3 Who is the author of 2,3.John? **a)** John-the Baptist; **b)** John-the Apostle; **c)** John-the Presbyter; **d)** John-the son of Zebedee; **e)** neither.

Q4 Where did the author write this book, and what was his status? **a)** from Asia-Minor as a young Apostle; **b)** from Jerusalem as a Church Elder; **c)** from Ephesus as an elderly Presbyter; **d)** neither.

Q5 To whom is 1.John written? **a)** Israelites across the region of Judah; **b)** Ninevites across the region of Assyria; **c)** Christians across Asia Minor; **d)** neither.

Q6 What is the theme of 1.John? *To encourage...* **a)** Churches to embrace Gnosticism; **b)** Christians to view Gnostics as having higher morals than Jesus; **c)** Gentiles to embrace the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus; **d)** neither.

Q7 What is Gnosticism? *a belief that...* **a)** it's ok for us to sin due to God's grace; **b)** human spirit is bad; **c)** human physical existence is good; **d)** neither.

QUIZ ANSWERS: BACKGROUND (1.JOHN)
Q1) c; Q2) b,c,d; Q3) b,c,d; Q4) c; Q5) c; Q6) d; Q7) d;
NOTES:

CHAPTER_1 (1.JOHN). WHAT WAS HEARD, SEEN, AND TOUCHED. ¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of Life— ²the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM AND ONE ANOTHER. ⁵This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But 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. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us!

CHAPTER_1 (1.JOHN)— QUIZ (select all that are correct)

Q1 To whom does John-the Apostle refer to as, “*Word of Life*” (v1)? **a)** Jude; **b)** Jonah; **c)** Jeremiah; **d)** neither.

Q2 What does John-the son of Zebedee declare validates his personal testimony (vv2-3)? ***During his long personal Christian journey...*** **a)** his ears heard and eyes saw eternal life that resided with God-the Father; **b)** his hands handled and heart felt eternal life that resided with God-the Father; **c)** he experienced true fellowship with God-the Father and Christ; **d)** neither.

Q3 What is John-the Presbyterian’s desire for Christian Disciples to whom he is writing (vv4-6)? ***That they...*** **a)** walk in the world’s darkness and God’s light; **b)** experience God’s full joy and Christ’s painful yoke; **c)** mix true Christian service with the world’s darkness; **d)** neither.

Q4 What does John-the Elder declare about the need for Christian Disciples to be honest with themselves (vv7-10)? **a)** Christ’s word is in us if we confess that we disobey God’s commandments; **b)** Christ’s blood cleanses us if we confess that we have sinful ways; **c)** Christ’s light and fellowship is with us if we honestly face our personal sinful behavior; **d)** neither.

QUIZ ANSWERS: CHAPTER_1 (1.JOHN)

Q1) d; **Q2)** d; **Q3)** d; **Q4)** a,b,c;

CHAPTER 2 (1.JOHN). THE TEST OF KNOWING CHRIST. 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. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

THE TEST OF KNOWING HIM. ³ Now by this we know that we know him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. ⁷ Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. ⁸ Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

THEIR SPIRITUAL STATE. ¹² I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. ¹³ I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. ¹⁴ I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome [Satan].

DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD. ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

DECEPTIONS OF THE LAST HOUR. ¹⁸ Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. ²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 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. ²² Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 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. ²⁴ Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. ²⁶ These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught, you will abide in Him.

THE CHILDREN OF GOD. ²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. ²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

CHAPTER 2 (1.JOHN)—QUIZ (select all that are correct)

Q1 Whose act only does God-the Father accept as propitiation for our sins (vv1-2)? **a)** our Pastors; **b)** our Parents; **c)** our BFF's; **d)** neither.

Q2 How do we know we are in God-the Son, and he is in us (vv3-6)? **By how closely we...** **a)** allow worldly knowledge to be perfected in us; **b)** walk in divine integrity as he walked; **c)** keep divine commandments as he did; **d)** neither.

Q3 How do we avoid the world's darkness blinding our spiritual eyes (vv7-11)? **By cultivating our...** **a)** love for Christian brothers and sisters; **b)** awareness that spiritual light is always shining; **c)** recognition that spiritual darkness is passing away; **d)** neither.

Q4 To whom is the Apostle John writing and why (vv12-14)? **Christian Disciples who are...** **a)** young adults overcome by Satan's wicked ways but forgiven; **b)** parents who have known Christ their entire lives; **c)** new in the faith but tempted to become apostate; **d)** neither.

Q5 What warnings does John give Christian Disciples (vv15-17)? **a)** no worldly ways are of God-the Father; **b)** God's and the world's ways can both be loved simultaneously; **c)** lovers of the world's ways will pass away forever; **d)** neither.

Q6 How does John declare Christian Disciples can know the spirit of Antichrist (vv18-23)? **By their...** **a)** love of God-the Father and Son; **b)** anointing in God-the Holy Spirit and hatred of lies; **c)** denial of God-the Father and -the Son; **d)** neither.

Q7 On what does John declare eternal life is assured (vv24-29)? **a)** divine anointing by the Holy Spirit; **b)** divine truth taught only by Holy Spirit; **c)** abiding in the ways and words of God-the Father through God-the Son; **d)** neither.

QUIZ ANSWERS: **CHAPTER_2 (1.JOHN)**

Q1) d; **Q2)** b,c; **Q3)** a,b,c; **Q4)** b,c; **Q5)** a; **Q6)** c; **Q7)** a,b,c;

PROPIATION – the act of gaining, or regaining, God’s favor and/or goodwill!

CHAPTER_3 (1.JOHN). THE COMMAND TO LOVE. ¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

SIN AND THE CHILD OF GOD. ⁴ Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵ And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 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. 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.

THE LOVE IMPERATIVE. 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. ¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil, and his brother’s righteous. ¹³ Do not marvel if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

THE OUTWORKING OF LOVE. ¹⁶ By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. ²⁰ For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. ²² And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. ²³ And this is His commandment: that we should believe

on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND THE SPIRIT OF ERROR. ²⁴ Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

CHAPTER_3 (1.JOHN)—QUIZ (select all that are correct)

Q1 How does John declare Christian Disciples are divinely purified (vv1-3)? **By hope and faith that we ... a)** shall be as Christ is now; **b)** shall see Christ as he is now; **c)** are God’s children and immersed in his divine love; **d)** neither.

Q2 Why does John say true Christian Disciples cannot sin (vv4-9)? **Because they ... a)** are born of God and have his seed; **b)** exhibit righteous behavior as Christ did; **c)** abide in Christ who came to destroy the works of Satan; **d)** neither.

Q3 How does John contrast Christian Disciples with worldly people (vv10-15)? **Those who ... a)** love only other Disciples whom they like; **b)** practice righteousness as Cain did; **c)** are children of God vs Satan; **d)** neither.

Q4 How does John say Christian Disciples can know they are walking in divine truth (vv16-19)? **By their... a)** benevolent deeds that match their charitable words; **b)** sharing God-given personal treasure with those who are wealthy; **c)** sharing God-given personal time with those who are needy; **d)** neither.

Q5 How does John declare Christian Disciples can know that God’s Holy Spirit abides in us (vv20-24)? **Because... a)** we keep his commandments and do what’s pleasing in his sight; **b)** God doesn’t condemn us even if our own heart does; **c)** we love only other Disciples who love us; **d)** neither.

QUIZ ANSWERS: CHAPTER_3 (1.JOHN)
Q1) a,b,c; Q2) a,b,c; Q3) c; Q4) a,c; Q5) a,b;
NOTES:

CHAPTER_4 (1.JOHN). LOVE FOR GOD AND ONE ANOTHER. ¹ Beloved do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. ⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are of the world. Therefore, they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

KNOWING GOD THROUGH LOVE. ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 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. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

SEEING GOD THROUGH LOVE. ¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

THE CONSUMMATION OF LOVE. 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. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us.

OBEDIENCE BY FAITH. ²⁰ If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

CHAPTER_4 (1.JOHN)—QUIZ (select all that are correct)

Q1 How does John say Christian Disciples can confirm if they are facing the spirit of Antichrist, i.e., false prophets like Gnostics (vv1-3)? **By...** **a)** fasting and praying; **b)** studying God’s word; **c)** challenging them to confess that Christ came in the flesh as a person; **d)** neither.

Q2 How does John say Christian Disciples can know the difference between the spirit of truth versus error (vv4-6)? **Because the...** **a)** spirit of truth speaks of worldly things; **b)** spirit of the error speaks of Godly things; **c)** spirit of truth is greater in us that spirit of error in the world; **d)** neither.

Q3 How does John say Christian Disciples can know God really loves us (vv7-11)? **Because...** **a)** we willingly share God’s love with only those we like and have fun with; **b)** God-the Father sent God-the Son to save the world; **c)** we first loved God and he reciprocated; **d)** neither.

Q4 How does John say Christian Disciples can know we abide in God and he in us (vv12-16)? **Because...** **a)** we believe and confess that Christ is the son of God; **b)** as we get old, God-the Father gives us the Holy Spirit; **c)** we saw God when we accepted Christ as our savior; **d)** neither.

Q5 How does John say Christian Disciples can know God’s love is perfected among us (vv17-21)? **When we learn...** **a)** to love others as God loves us; **b)** to avoid the torment of worldly fears; **c)** that we are God’s image of Christ in this world; **d)** neither.

QUIZ ANSWERS: CHAPTER_4 (1.JOHN)
Q1) c; Q2) c; Q3) b; Q4) a; Q5) a,b,c;
NOTES:

CHAPTER_5 (1.JOHN). OBEDIENCE BY FAITH. ¹Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

THE CERTAINTY OF GOD’S WITNESS. ⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ—not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. ⁸And there are three that bear witness on earth—the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. ⁹If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. ¹⁰He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

CONFIDENCE AND COMPASSION IN PRAYER. ¹⁴Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. ¹⁶If 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. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

KNOWING THE TRUTH—REJECTING THE FALSE. ¹⁸We 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. ¹⁹We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. ²¹Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

CHAPTER_5 (1.JOHN)— QUIZ (select all that are correct)

Q1 How does John say Christian Disciples can know if we love God's children (vv1-3)? **If we...** **a)** believe that God's commandments are hard to keep; **b)** love God enough to keep his commandments; **c)** are born of God through belief in Christ; **d)** neither.

Q2 How does John say Christian Disciples overcome the world system (vv4-5)? **If we...** **a)** are born of God; **b)** believe that Jesus is God's son; **c)** have faith in God's promises; **d)** neither.

Q3 What does John declare bears witness on earth to Christ's coming (vv6-8)? **a)** the water of Christ's birth; **b)** the blood of Christ's birth; **c)** the Spirit of truth who initiated Christ's birth; **d)** neither.

Q4 What does John declare bears witness in heaven to Christ's coming (vv6-8)? **a)** the Father; **b)** the Word; **c)** the Holy Spirit; **d)** neither.

Q5 Why does John declare the requirement of "*tri-fold agreement*" on earth to Christ's coming (vv9-13)? **Because eternal life requires...** **a)** belief in Jesus' name; **b)** God's witness; **c)** requires human witnesses; **d)** neither.

Q6 What assurance does John offer about the prayers of God's people (vv14-15)? **If we ask according to God's divine will, he hears...** **a)** but may not answer based on our sins; **b)** but may say no based on our attitude; **c)** and always answers regardless of our situation; **d)** neither.

Q7 How does John say we should treat other Christian Disciples who have a pattern of disobedient behavior (vv16-21)? **We should...** **a)** condemn and avoid them for being satanically influenced; **b)** scare them with the fear of death; **c)** encourage them to ask God for forgiveness; **d)** challenge them to trust in idols; **e)** neither.

QUIZ ANSWERS: CHAPTER_5 (1.JOHN)

Q1) b,c; **Q2)** a,b,c; **Q3)** a,b,c; **Q4)** a,b,c; **Q5)** a,b,c; **Q6)** c; **Q7)** e;

NOTES:

BACKGROUND (2.JOHN). *AUTHOR:* John, the Apostle...*DATE WRITTEN:* 90 AD (see background above). Some theologians believe that the “*elect lady*” is John’s figurative way of designating a particular church, i.e., the “*elect sister*” reference in v13, they believe means a different church. Others believe that John addressed this letter to an individual Christian and her family, i.e., the “*elect sister*” reference then would refer to the natural-born sister of the “*elect lady*”.

CHAPTER_1 (2.JOHN). Greeting the Elect Lady. ¹ The Elder, to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, ² because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever. ³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Walk in Christ’s Commandments. ⁴ I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. ⁵ And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. ⁶ 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.

Beware of Antichrist Deceivers. 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. ⁸ Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. ⁹ Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹ for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

John’s Farewell Greeting. ¹² Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. ¹³ The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

BACKGROUND + CHAPTER_1 (2.JOHN)— QUIZ (select all that are correct)

Q1 Why does John say the “*elect lady*” and her children are loved by him and so many others? (vv1-3) **Because of...** **a)** God-the Father’s &the Son’s grace, mercy, and peace that abides with them; **b)** God-the Father’s &the Son’s truth that abides in them; **c)** God-the Father’s &the Son’s truth that abides with John and other disciples; **d)** neither.

Q2 For what Christian trait/habit does John plead with this elect lady? (vv4-5) **That they...** **a)** be real with other Christian Disciples; **b)** be friends with other Christian Disciples; **c)** love other Christian Disciples; **d)** neither.

Q3 What definition does John give the elect lady for true Godly love? (v6) **To habitually...** **a)** look-out for themselves and walk according to the “*school of hard knocks*” rules; **b)** look-out for their BFF’s and walk according to their family’s rules; **c)** look-out for each other and walk according to God’s rules; **d)** neither.

Q4 How does John reveal that the elect lady can recognize an “anti-Christ” spirit in others? (v7) **They are deceivers who refuse to...** **a)** think that Christ has come in the flesh; **b)** believe Christ has come in the flesh; **c)** confess that Christ has come in the flesh; **d)** neither.

Q5 How does John declare that the elect lady and her children can lose their Godly rewards (i.e., after all their earthly Christian labors, lose their heavenly rewards)? (vv1-3) **By habitually refusing to...** **a)** support those with an anti-Christ spirit; **b)** live-by Christian principles; **c)** keep God’s commandments; **d)** neither.

Q6 To whom is John-the Elder likely referring when he says “*to the elect lady*”? (vv1-11)... **a)** a particular Christian woman; **b)** a particular Christian church; **c)** a particular Christian disciple who served with him and the other disciples during Jesus’ 3-year earthly ministry; **d)** neither.

QUIZ ANSWERS: BACKGROUND + CHAPTER_1 (2.JOHN)
Q1) xx; Q2) xx; Q3) xx; Q4) xx; Q5) xx; Q6) xx;
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BACKGROUND (3.JOHN). **AUTHOR:** John, the Apostle...**DATE WRITTEN:** 90 AD (see background above). This is John's very personal letter to his close friend and mentee, **Gaius**. Theologians believe that **Demetrius**, who was likely a "travelling teacher," delivered this letter to Gaius for John. This letter focused on the ecclesiastical (or Christian Clergy) nature and support of "traveling teachers!" Gaius had shown them hospitality. However, **Diotrephes**—a self-assertive Church leader, had refused to receive them. As an Elder, John exhibits his apostolic authority in rebuking Diotrephes, and praising Gaius.

CHAPTER (3.JOHN). Greeting to Gaius. ¹The Elder, to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. ²Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. ³For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Gaius Commended for Generosity. ⁵Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, ⁶who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, ⁷because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.

Diotrephes and Demetrius. ⁹I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. ¹⁰Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church. ¹¹Beloved do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God. ¹²Demetrius has a good testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.

Farewell Greeting. ¹³I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; ¹⁴but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

BACKGROUND + CHAPTER_1 (3.JOHN)— QUIZ (select all that are correct)

Q1 How does John proclaim Gaius has brought him great joy (vv3-7)? **Because of Gaius'** ... **a)** love for the Church, expressed by only his words; **b)** faithfulness to the Church, expressed by his strong support of fellow Christian co-workers; **c)** love for God's truth, expressed by his daily Christian walk; **d)** neither.

Q2 What is John's prayer for Gaius (vv1-2)? **That Gaius becomes**... **a)** personally wealthy and full of earthly positions; **b)** politically powerful and ruler over many; **c)** spiritually prosperous and increasingly supportive of the Church; **d)** neither.

Q3 What issues does John have with Diotrephes (vv9-11)? **a)** he encourages other Church leaders to support fellow Christian workers; **b)** he is a good Christian host himself to fellow Christian workers; **c)** he humbly works in his role as a Church leadership; **d)** neither.

QUIZ ANSWERS: BACKGROUND + CHAPTER (3.JOHN)
Q1) xx; Q2) xx; Q3) xx;
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