

The Book of 1-2-3 John

1 John

Chapter 1

1. John starts this chapter with talking about the message that we have heard from the beginning. He ultimately answers what that message was in verse 4. What is the message that we have heard from the beginning?
2. It is easy to claim fellowship with God. How do we know if we are truly having fellowship with God?
3. What is the way in which we can have fellowship with God? verse 7
4. The topic of sin is always one that is uncomfortable, especially when we are saying that someone is a sinner. John tells us that we are sinners, and if we say we don't we make God a liar. It is very important to know that we are sinners. But because of Jesus blood, as John stated, we are forgiven of sin. Take time to thank God for His forgiveness.

Chapter 2

1. John tells us his reason for writing: that we may not sin. But John knows that we are all sinners. What is his encouraging reminder that he gives us in verse 1 and 2?
2. How is the love of God perfected in us? verse 5
3. From verses 12-14 he lists three different types of "classifications" of believers. What state would you think you were in? How do you think you can "take it to the next level" in your relationship with the Lord?
4. John gives a pretty radical picture of ALL that is in the world. When he puts it so clearly it is hard to see why we get sucked into the world. Yet we still get sucked in. Why do you think that is?

Chapter 3

1. What was the love that the Father bestows that allows us to be children of God?
2. Sometimes people question whether or not we will be recognizable once we pass from death to life. John doesn't tell us exactly what we will be, but he does tell us something about us in verse 2. What will we be like?
3. From verse 4-9 John talks about how the child of God does not sin. Although he says we will be without sin, we know that we still fall into sin. This sin he is talking about is the habitual sin that we get stuck in. The child of God should be free from this habitual sin. Is there any habitual sin in your life that you need to have God remove? Take it to the Lord.
4. What is the difference between the child of God and the child of the Devil?
5. John tells us we can have a guarantee that we are a child of God. He says that guarantee is the outworking of love in our life. The Christian is supposed to be loving. Are you being loving? Even to the people that seem impossible to love? How can you work on it?

Chapter 4

1. In verse 3 John speaks of the Spirit of The Antichrist. This is not speaking of THE Antichrist that Revelation speaks of. The spirit of the Antichrist is anything that denies Jesus Christ as the only way to heaven. In our society today we see that very often. How do we stay firm in a world so opposed to the message of Jesus?
2. John reminds us how important it is for the follower of Christ to be loving, because God is love. God showed that love by allowing His only son to die for us. In the light of the cross, how is your love towards others as a child of God?
3. Another way that we can know that we are a child of God, the first being the love of God in us, is by the Holy Spirit. How you asked God to baptize you in His spirit? The

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Bible tells us that He will give us the spirit when we ask. Do you take advantage of that gift?

Chapter 5

1. How are we born of God? Do you believe that? (v. 1)
2. Sometimes the world seems to have its way with us. How do we overcome the world?
3. Verse 6-8 it is a very difficult text to understand. It is one that Biblical scholars struggle with. If you're interested in looking into it, David Guzik does a great job explaining it. http://www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries/comm_view.cfm?AuthorID=2&contentID=8099&commInfo=31&topic=1%20John
4. John ends this book and chapter with the exhortation to keep away from idols. His mention of idols is very subtle, but idols come into people lives very subtly. Is there anything in your life that has taken first priority over your relationship with Jesus? How should you deal with that?

2 John

Chapter 1

1. John notes to the fact that this woman's children have grown up in the things of the Lord and that her kids continue to walk. What a beautiful thing to see children grow up and continue their walk with God. What is the most important thing, in John's opinion, that helps to have kids continue their walk?
2. John then warns of people teaching false doctrines. The false doctrine that runs ramped in our society today is the idea of "Coexist." This is the idea that all roads lead to heaven. We need to make sure that we stand fast in the truth that Jesus is the only way to heaven. How can we best stay away from these false teachings?

3 John

Chapter 1

1. John says that this man has witnesses of his love towards brethren and strangers. Is your love towards other being seen by others? That Jesus may be glorified through your love towards others?
2. Verse 11 reminds us to imitate good instead of evil. Are the things we talk about, and dwell in things that are good or evil? Are we focused on Jesus or other things? Make sure that Jesus is what you are imitating and now the things of this world.