Week Two - I John 2

I John 2:15-16

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

The things I want to accomplish this week!

I Cor. 10:31

Date: Time:

Weekly memory verse – I John 2: 15-16 Time spent in prayer

Read - 1 John 2: 1-6

Examine -

1. To whom does John address this epistle?

2. Why was he writing to them?

3. Because we sin, we have what with the Father?

4. Define Advocate -

5. Who is our Advocate?

6. What is Jesus Christ according to verse 2?

7. Define Propitiation -

8. For what is Jesus the propitiation?

9. How do we know that we know Jesus?

10. A person who claims to know God, but does not keep His commandments is what?

11. What is perfected in those who keep God's Word?

12. How should a person walk who claims to know God?

Think – The world knows – do you?

Apply: We see in these verses the test of obedience. A true believer consistently obeys God's commandments; a mere professing Christian consistently does not keep His commandments. Do you pass or fail this test? We also see how the true believer is to walk; he is to walk as Christ walked. Explain how you can conduct yourself like Christ in the following areas of your life:

where you go - what you do -

what you say - what you listen to -

what you think - what you wear –

who you are with -

Prayer

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Main thought to meditate on today:

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Weekly memory verse – I John 2: 15-16 Time spent in prayer

Read - John 2: 7-11

Examine -

1. What is the old commandment?

2. Read chapter 3 verse 11. What message is from the beginning?

3. What was John writing according to verse 8?

4. What did Jesus command His disciples in John 15:12, 17?

* Note - There is no contradiction in John's referring to an old commandment and then a new commandment. He is simply stressing the importance of the commandment to "love one another" by mentioning it's occurrence in both the Old and New Testaments. Because these believers had a new position in Christ, they now had a heightened capacity to obey God's commandment to love.
* Bonus – What is the significance of the phrase “even until now”?

5. According to James 2:8, what is the "royal law"?

6. In what does the person who loves his brother abide?

7. What is not in this person?

8. He who hates his brother is in what?

9. Because he is in darkness, he does not know where he is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. What has the darkness done to his eyes?

Apply: One of the key distinguishing marks between a true believer and someone who only professes to be a Christian is that the genuine believer genuinely loves his Christian brethren, whereas the other does not. He only “loves” them for what he can get out of them. Who do you really love?

Are you more comfortable around Christians who love the Lord or around unsaved or ungodly people?

Prayer

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Read - 1 John 2: 12-17

Examine -

1. Why did John write to the little children? (two reasons verse 12, 13)

2. Why were their sins forgiven?

3. Why did John write to the fathers?

4. Who is from the beginning?

5. Why did he write to the young men?

6. How do we overcome the wicked one?

BONUS: Find an answer in Revelation!

7. What are we not to love?

* Note - World refers to the world system that is opposed to God.

8. What is not in the person who loves the world?

9. What 3 categories of things make up all that is in the world?

* Think – How much of the world can we love and still be ok?

10. What passes away?

11. Who abides forever?

Apply:

Do you love, and invest your time in the things of the world that pass away; or do you love God and invest your time in things that are eternal?

What things do you love that are characteristic of the world?

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Read - 1 John 2: 18-19

Examine -

1. What time is it according to verse 18?

2. Who shall come in the last time?

3. How do we know that it is already the last time?

4. What does 2 Timothy 3:1 say shall come in the last days?

5. In 2 Timothy 3:2-8, Paul lists 24 characteristics of men in the "last days". What are the first 8 characteristics in this list?

Back to I John

6. Who went out from these believers?

7. Why did they go out from them?

8. If they had been of them, what would they have done?

9. What will be the result of their departure?

Apply: Certainly we are living in the last times; false teaching is prevalent, and there are many who oppose Christ. We who know Christ and are awaiting His soon return should live in sharp contrast to those who are His enemies. Look again at Paul's list of characteristics of men in the last days; do any of these characterize you?

What changes do you need to make to be more like Christ in these areas?

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Read - 1 John 2: 20-25

Examine -

1. What do these readers have from the Holy One?

* Note - unction comes from the Greek word meaning anointing, and is a reference to the Holy Spirit.

2. What do these readers know?

* Note - By considering the phrase "ye know all things" in it's context, we understand that it refers to these believer's ability to understand spiritual truth (because of the indwelling Holy Spirit, see I Corinthians 2:11-16 for more information).

3. What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do in John 16:13?

4. Why did John write these things according to verse 21?

5. What is not of the truth?

6. How does verse 22 define a liar?

7. He that denies the Father and the Son is what?

8. He that denies the Son has not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. Jehovah's Witnesses and other false teachers claim to know God, yet they deny the deity of Christ. Can these people truly know God as they claim if they deny Jesus?

10. What has God promised us in verse 25?

Apply: A genuine believer has the indwelling Holy Spirit, and therefore the ability to discern spiritual truth, a mere professing Christian has neither. Though it is the Holy Spirit who enables the believer to understand spiritual truth, the degree to which a believer is able to understand spiritual truth and discern error is directly related to his knowledge of the Bible. Do you know enough of the Bible to refute false doctrine?

BONUS: How would you, from the Bible, answer these false statements?

Jesus was just a good teacher -

Jesus did not literally die on the cross, He only fainted -

Different religions are O.K.; we're all going to the same place, we're just taking different roads to get there -

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Read - 1 John 2: 26-29

Examine -

1. John wrote these things concerning whom?

2. What was abiding in these believers?

3. These believers needed not that any man should do what?

* Note - This does not mean that believers are omniscient and never need to be taught (if they were, why did John have to write this epistle?). Rather, it refers again to an ability to understand spiritual truth based on the ministry of the Holy Spirit, not because of man's intelligence.

4. This verse says the anointing is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and is no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. In whom are we to abide?

6. Why?

7. Who is coming? (Hint: see 2 Thess. 2:1)

8. Who is righteous?

9. Every one who does righteousness is born of whom?

10. Is it possible then for an unsaved person to truly do righteous works?

Apply:

We see here yet another distinguishing mark between genuine believers and mere professors. Unsaved man may do what he considers to be good works, but only a genuine Christian can do that which is righteous in the sight of God because God has credited righteousness to his account. In verse 28 we saw that it is possible for a Christian to be ashamed when Christ returns. If He were to return right now, would you be ashamed? Why or why not?

If yes what could you do to change this?

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Read - 1 John 2

Examine -

1. What is an advocate?

2. What is propitiation?

3. Who is both our advocate with the Father, and the propitiation for our sins?

4. What is the royal law?

5. The person who loves his brother abides in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. He who hates his brother is in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. What are believers not to love?

8. What 3 categories of things make up all that is in the world?

9. What time is it according to verse 18?

10. Who indwells believers?

11. What does this person do for believers according to verses 20-29?

12. In this chapter we have seen four marks, or characteristics, between genuine believers and mere professors of Christianity, what are they?

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3.

4.

Apply -

What were three things in this chapter that meant the most to you?

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