

# December 26/Day 360

## 1 John 1

### Verses 1-4

- What does the author, John, say about the Word of Life? To whom does it seem he's writing, believers or unbelievers? Again, every teacher knows there will be some among the believers who claim to believe but have not truly been born-again. The book of 1 John is all about how we can know for certain.
- If he heard it and saw it, does this make him an eye-witness?
- Who is the Word of Life?
- Notice the eternal life was manifested (made known). Who is eternal life?
- Why was he proclaiming what he had witnessed (he is a witness giving his testimony)?
- What does he say is his purpose for writing?

### Verses 5-10

- What message was he announcing? Where had he heard this message?
- If He is light (truth and righteousness) and we say we are believers, but we walk in darkness (sin and deception), what are we?
- If we say we have no sin what are we? And what do we make Him?
- What will He do if we confess our sins? Confess means to agree with.

## 1 John 2

### Verses 1-2

- What does John say is the reason for his writing?
- What do we have when we sin?
- An advocate takes on our case/our cause. Propitiation means to satisfy.

### Verses 3-6

- "By this we know" will be repeated. Let's keep up with what we can know and how. It may be beneficial for you to write it down in a list.
- In verse 3, "By this we know" what? How?
- Who is a liar in this passage?
- What does keeping His word indicate?
- In the last part of verse 5, "By this we know" what? How?

### Verses 7-11

- What is the paradox here?
- If we profess faith, yet hate others, what are we actually in?
- Darkness=deception. Light=truth.

#### Verses 12-14

- How does John refer to the recipients here?
- What does he say about them?

#### Verses 15-17

- What are believers not to love? This doesn't mean the universe itself, creation, and it doesn't mean we aren't to love those in the world. What we aren't supposed to love is the world's systems and the dog-eat-dog kind of attitudes.
- What three things are not from the father?
- How are the world and the believer contrasted?

#### Verses 18-24

- "Anti-christ" here is an attitude, not a specific person.
- "From this we know" what? How?
- What does he say about those who went out from among them? We would call this apostasy. Apostasy is not changing churches, or falling away from a denomination or certain teaching. Apostasy is falling away from the faith.
- What would having the anointing of the Holy One have to do with this?
- Who is a liar? Does this indicate what apostasy is?
- Some people claim there are many ways/paths to God. What does verse 23 say?

#### Verses 25-27

- What was His promise?
- What were some trying to do?
- Apparently, they were false teachers because he goes right into saying they have no need for the teaching of others (though God does use teachers, but these were false teachers) because the Holy Spirit is their teacher.

#### Verses 28-29

- "Abide" means to dwell.

## 1 John 3

#### Verses 1-3

- Why does the world not know us?
- What will happen when He appears?

#### Verses 4-10

- What is sin? What is lawlessness?
- What does verse 7 say to beware?
- What are we told about one who “practices” sin? Think back to those patterns of life passages. We often think of sin as outward deeds, but most of the characteristics listed are inward attitudes.
- Why did the Son of God come?
- What does verse 9 say about sin in regard to having the Spirit within us? Going back to the second chapter, he says he is writing so that we will not sin. Every sins, but as we’ve seen throughout Scripture, a believer is not bound by sin, he is not a slave to sin.
- “By this (we will know)” what in verse 10? How is it obvious?

#### Verses 11-12

- What was Cain’s problem? Has anyone ever hated you because you did something good? Or because your behavior was good?

#### Verses 13-22

- For what reason are we not to be surprised?
- What does this passage say about hate?
- In verse 6, there’s another “By this (we know)”. What? How?
- How are we to love? What does truth have to do with it?

#### Verses 23-24

- Keeping His commandments to us indicates what about us?

## 1 John 4

#### Verses 1-6

- What are we to do with the spirits? Did you know there are many deceiving spirits in the world? What kind of spirit is mentioned in verse 3? In verse 6?
- In verse 2, “By this we know” what? How? What is the contrast?
- Greater is who?
- At the end of verse 6, “By this we know” what? How?

Verses 7-14

- Where does love come from?
- What does verse 8 say about people who are unloving?
- According to verse 13, “By this we know” what? How?
- Why did the Father send His son? Does the world need saving?

Verses 15-21

- In verse 17, “By this (we know)”, what? How?
- What casts out fear? We hear that faith does, but what does Scripture say? It is possible to have faith and still experience fear, look at Gideon and others. It’s walking in fear without taking it to the Lord that is the problem.
- What are we if we claim to love God, but hate others? I’ve heard it said that we only love God as much as the person we love the least. “Hate” is often used in Scripture as “to love less”.

## 1 John 5

Verses 1-4

- In verse 2, “By this we know” what? How?
- What overcomes the world?

Verses 5-12

- Who overcomes the world?
- Which three testify? When Jesus died, they shoved a sword into His side, it ran with water and blood.
- Where do we find eternal life?

Verses 13-15

- What does he say is His purpose for writing this letter?
- What is our confidence?

Verses 16-17

- What is sin? What is unrighteousness?

Verses 18-20

- Yes, believers sin. This is saying “sins” in the plural, meaning an ongoing pattern of life. Walking in habitual sin will not be the pattern of a believer.

Verse 21

- How does John conclude this letter?

See you tomorrow.