

## **PART THREE**

# **First, Second, Third John and Jude**

**WEEK 7: 1 JOHN**  
**DAY 1: GOD IS LIGHT**  
1 John 1:1-6

1. We have finished studying James and the two letters of Peter. We saw that these books are in the part of the Bible called General Epistles. Today we will go on to the letter of 1 John. But first let us answer this question.

From 2 Peter 3, write two things we should do to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

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2. We should be holy. And we should grow in our spiritual lives. Peter had many good things to write to his people. So did each of the writers of the General Epistles. We have seen that each letter is called by the name of the person who wrote it.

What is the name of the person who wrote 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. It is John who wrote this book or letter. He had many things to teach the people. He had a special message which he wanted to give them.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 1:1 to 6. Look for the special message which John wanted to give.

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4. John had something very important which he wanted to say. This is what we will learn today. John wanted to announce that God is light.

1 John 1:5:

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim (or announce) to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

Where do you think John got his message? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. John says that he got the message "from him". John had been with Jesus. He had spent much time with him. He had seen him and heard him. He had touched him. Now John wanted to tell the message which he received from Jesus.

1 John 1:1-2:

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we

have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--the life was made manifest (or shown), and we saw it and testify to it.

In the special message which John wanted to give, who did he say is light?

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6. John said that God is light. But if you wrote "Jesus", this is not wrong, because God and Jesus are one.

John had a very important truth which he wanted to tell. He wrote this truth in his letter. He wanted to say that God is light. Some people were saying that sinful actions did not matter. They were saying that God would overlook some sins in darkness.

1 John 1:5:

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all.

Whom did John want to tell that God is light? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. John wanted to say this to the people who would receive his letter. He wanted to say it to the Christians. And he wanted to say it to us. All of these answers are right. Before becoming Christians, all people live in darkness.

John 3:19:

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

In 1 John 1, what message did John want to tell people? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. He wanted to tell them that God is light. Through Jesus, God came into the world to give light. This is what Jesus said about himself.

John 8:12:

And Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Where did John not want the people to walk? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. He did not want them to walk in darkness but in light. But what does it mean to walk in the light? We can say this in different ways. To walk in the light means to follow Christ. It means to obey him. It means to stay near to Christ. It means to do what the Holy Spirit tells us.

Who wanted to give people the message that God is light? \_\_\_\_\_

10. John wanted to do this. He wanted people to follow Jesus and not just repent. Some people were repenting, and then they just lived as they wanted to. They did not follow the way of Jesus. John wanted people to see that after repenting, they should go on following Jesus. They should obey his commands. They should stay near to him and do what the Holy Spirit tells them.

When we follow Jesus and obey him, what do we say we are doing in the light?  
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11. We are walking in the light. This is what John wanted his people to do. But John did not write for his people only. He wrote for us as well. The things which he wrote are to help us. We too must walk in the light.

What does it mean to walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. It means to follow Jesus or obey him. It means to stay near to Jesus and do what the Holy Spirit tells us. All of these answers are right. When we follow Jesus, we are open to him. We do not try to hide some of our actions. We do not try to hide what is in our hearts. We do everything which the Holy Spirit shows us to do. When we do this we have joy.

1 John 1:4:

And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.

Besides telling people how to walk, what message did John want to tell people?  
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13. John wanted to tell people a special message. He wanted to tell them that God is light. Then he wanted them to walk in the light.



What does it mean to walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_

14. To walk in the light means to follow Jesus. It means to obey him and stay near to him. It means to do what the Holy Spirit tells us to do. You should have written one or more of these answers.

Moshi was an older pastor in the church. Juma was a young man who sometimes helped him. One day Moshi asked Juma to lead the service. He told him what to say and what to put into the service. But Juma wanted to lead in his own way. He wanted to make his own plans for the meeting. Moshi was troubled about this. He spoke hard words to Juma. He scolded him and told him he was not a good man.

Later Moshi felt bad about the strong words he had used. The Holy Spirit showed him he should ask forgiveness for correcting Juma in such a harsh way. He knew that Juma had not done right. But he knew that he also had done wrong to speak hard words to him. Moshi thought about it for several days. But he was too proud to go and talk with Juma.

Did Moshi walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Moshi did not walk in the light.

What does it mean to walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_

16. To walk in the light means to follow Jesus. It means to obey him and stay near to him. It means to do what the Holy Spirit tells us. If you wrote one of these answers, you did well. If you wrote two or three of them, you did very well.

In 1 John 1, what is the message which John heard from Jesus and told the people?  
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17. The message is that God is light. We must walk in the light. We must ask the Holy Spirit to help us do this.

Take time now to think about yourself. Is there something which the Holy Spirit is telling you now so that you walk in the light?  
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18. We will talk about this question in class.

In 1 John 1, what is the message which John heard from Jesus and told the people?

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What does it mean to walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 7: 1 JOHN**

**DAY 2: WALKING IN THE LIGHT GIVES US FELLOWSHIP AND  
CLEANSING**

**1 John 1:6-10**

1. We are learning what John teaches in his letter called 1 John.

In 1 John 1, what is the message which John heard from Jesus and told the people?  
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What does it mean to walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. John wanted to announce that God is light. We must walk in the light. To walk in the light means to follow Jesus. It means to obey him and stay close to him. It means to be open to what the Holy Spirit tells us to do. John said that when we walk in the light, some wonderful things happen. We will learn these things today. This is what happens when we walk in the light.

- (1) We have fellowship with one another.
- (2) The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 1:6 to 10. Read verse 7 again. In this verse, what did John say we can have with one another?  
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3. Christians can have fellowship with one another. They can have it when they walk in the light. They follow the same leader.

When we follow this leader we do not need to hide our actions. But when we do not walk in the light, we are ashamed. Our actions are sinful. We try to hide them. We hide from each other. We do not have fellowship.

Who is the light who makes us have fellowship together? \_\_\_\_\_

4. John said that God is light. Jesus is also light. Both answers are right. We must walk in the light. When we do, we have fellowship.

1 John 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 his Son cleanses us from all sin.

From this verse, with whom do we have fellowship when we walk in the light?

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5. We have fellowship with one another. This means that we have fellowship with other Christians. We can talk together about the things of God. We can talk about what God is doing in our lives. We have nothing to hide. Everything is in the light. Fellowship with one another is the first thing we get from the light.

If we want to have fellowship with one another, what must we do in the light?

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6. We must walk in it. We must do the things which we see should be done. In the Christian life we do not stand still. We do not sit down and rest, thinking that everything is finished. We walk. We move forward. We grow in our Christian lives. Then we have fellowship with one another.

In order to have fellowship with one another, what must Christians walk in?

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7. We must walk in the light. We can know if we are walking in the light. If we are walking in the light we live well with other Christians. We do not have to hide anything. We do not try to live in darkness.

2 Corinthians 6:14:

... For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity (or sin)? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

When a Christian walks in the light, what does he have with other Christians?

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8. Fellowship is a good thing. Christians are all in the family of God. They should tell each other what the Holy Spirit is saying to them. They should show each other what they are learning in their lives. When they meet together, they have fellowship with one another.

From today's lesson, what must we do to have fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. We must walk in the light. John said that he had fellowship with the Father and with the Son.

1 John 1:3:

that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Some people think they are very good Christians. They seem to live well with God. They can talk much about spiritual things, but they cannot live well with their fellow Christians. These people are not walking in the light.

What is the first thing which happens when we walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. These are the things which happen when we walk in the light.

- (1) We have fellowship with one another.
- (2) The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

It is right to have fellowship with God and with each other. Christians should meet together each week. The Bible tells us to do this.

Hebrews 10:25:

not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.

Is there a Christian with whom you cannot have fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. If we do not walk in the light, we cannot fellowship with other Christians. If we do not have fellowship, we must look for sin in our hearts. We must have the blood of Jesus to cleanse us.

Peter had a good field. One day his neighbour's cattle came and broke the fence. They got into the field. In the evening, Peter saw that the cattle had spoiled his crops. He became angry. He argued with his Christian neighbour. The neighbour tried to apologize, but Peter would not listen. On Sunday, Peter would not speak to his neighbour.

What did Peter need the blood of Jesus to cleanse him from? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Peter needed cleansing from sin. He needed cleansing from anger. Peter was not walking in the light. When we do not walk in the light we are sinning. If we cannot fellowship together as Christians, there is something wrong. The Holy Spirit shows us what to do. If we walk in the light we obey what he tells us.

If we do not walk in the light, can we be cleansed from sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. We cannot. But when we walk in the light, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin. That is the second thing which happens when we walk in the light.

What is the first thing which happens when we walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. We have fellowship with one another. But when we sin, the fellowship is broken. Perhaps you have trouble with this. I believe you are a Christian. You have received Christ into your heart, but perhaps you have sinned. Do not be discouraged. God will forgive you if you ask him. You must always walk in the light which he gives you.

1 John 1:9:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

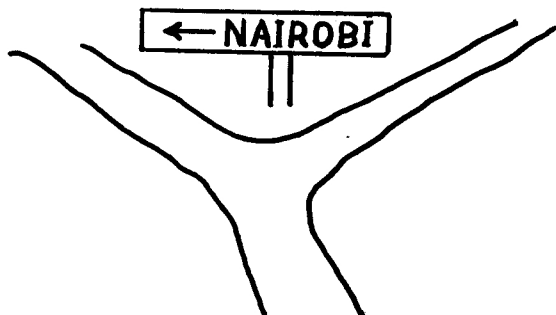
If we walk in the light, what cleanses us from sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. The blood of Jesus will cleanse us. The Holy Spirit shows us the way to be cleansed. But we must do what he says.

Nathan wanted to go to Nairobi to see his brother. But he did not know the way very well. He started out. Soon he came to a place where the road divided. There was a sign which said NAIROBI and pointed one way. But Nathan thought, "That does not seem right. I think the other road is the one to Nairobi."



If Nathan did not follow the sign, would he get to Nairobi? \_\_\_\_\_

If we do not walk in the light, will we be cleansed from sin? \_\_\_\_\_

16. We cannot go where we want to go, if we do not follow the right way. We want to have fellowship with each other. We want to be cleansed from all sin.

What must we do to have fellowship and be cleansed from sin? \_\_\_\_\_

17. We must walk in the light. When we walk in the light, two things happen.

What is the first thing? \_\_\_\_\_

18. When we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

What is the second thing which happens when we walk in the light? \_\_\_\_\_

19. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. He will keep on cleansing us if we obey him. Perhaps you did not know before today that there is something for us to do. Our part is to walk in the light which God gives us.

Stop now and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk in the light.

20. What two things happen when we walk in the light?

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**WEEK 7: 1 JOHN**

**DAY 3: CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT LOVE THE WORLD**

1 John 2:1-17

1. We have learned that John had something very important to say in his letter. He said that God is light. We must walk in the light.

What two things happen when we walk in the light?

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2. When we walk in the light we have fellowship with one another. And the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Today we will see what happens when we do not walk in the light. Sometimes we try to have fellowship with the world. John says that we should not do this. These are the things we will learn.

(1) The Christian should not love the world.

(2) If we love the world, we lose our love for God.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 2:7 to 15. Do you love God more than you love the world?

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3. Perhaps it is easy to say yes. But Satan often tempts us to love other things more than God. As we go through this lesson, examine yourself. Examine your love for God.

1 John 1:15:

Do not love the world or the things in the world.

From this verse, what should a Christian not love? \_\_\_\_\_

4. John says that we should not love the world. He does not mean we cannot enjoy the good things which God made. We know that God created the world. He put us here to live in it.

Psalm 24:1:

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

Do you think it is wrong to enjoy the good things of earth? \_\_\_\_\_

5. It is not wrong to enjoy God's good creation. David praised God for his creation. But in his letter, John was not just talking about God's creation. He was talking about the bad way in which men use God's creation. They use it selfishly. They do wrong things with it. They love the things of the world more than they love God. This is what we mean when we say that worldly things are sinful.

Who should not love the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Christians should not do this. There are many things in the world that are sinful. John tells us some of them.

1 John 2:16:

For all that is in the world, the lust (or sinful desire) of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

What do we say people love when they love sinful things? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. We say that they love the world. Man was created to have fellowship with God. When man wants only to please himself and have a good time, this is sin. The world tempts man to do this.

There are many things in the world which we need. We need clothes, cattle, money, houses, and land. You can think of more things which we need. These things are not sinful by themselves. But it is wrong for us to love these things more than we love God.

When a person puts these things ahead of God, what do we say he is doing to the world?  
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8. He is loving the world. But Christians should love God. They should love him with all their hearts. They should not love the things of the world.

Luke 10:27:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind.

Can a Christian love both God and the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. We cannot love both God and the world. There are many things in the world that we know are sinful. These are adultery, jealousy, drunkenness, witchcraft, and many more. But there are other things which are not sinful by themselves. These are things like land, a car, a wife, and playing sports.

All these things are good. But if they are more important to you than God is, then they are sinful.

Whom should a Christian love most? \_\_\_\_\_

10. We cannot love the world and love God at the same time. As Christians, we should love God.

Matthew 6:24:

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (or the world).

If a person loves the world, who is it he does not love? \_\_\_\_\_

11. If you love the world, you do not love God. Kuria was a preacher. He was married but he had no sons. One day the land was being divided among his brothers. He was told he could not have any land because he did not have a son.

Kuria became discouraged. He wanted the land so badly that he took another girl. She bore him a son. He gave in to the lust or desire of the flesh. The love of the world was stronger than the love for God.

Did Kuria love God, or did he not love God? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Kuria loved the world, therefore he did not love God. John tells us what happens when we love the world. When we love the world, we lose our love for God.

1 John 2:15:

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him.

When Kuria loved the world, what happened to his love for God? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Kuria lost his love for God. He loved something more than God.

What should the Christian not love? \_\_\_\_\_

14. The Christian should not love the world. When we love the world we

live for ourselves. We use all our money for ourselves. We do not give to God. When we love the world, we use all our time for ourselves. We do not take time for God's work.

When we love the world, what happens to our love for God? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. When we love the world, we lose our love for God. Daudi kept the money for a small church. But he was not happy with what he was doing. He thought he should have a bigger job. He wanted to keep the money for the whole district. He tried to get this job, but he did not succeed. So Daudi began to complain. He caused arguing among many people of the church.

What did Daudi love? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Daudi loved the world. He wanted things for himself. He wanted a big job. He did not wait for God to work things out in his life.

What happens if we love the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. If we love the world, we lose our love for God. We cannot love both God and the world.

Here are some things that Christians do. Some of these Christians love God. Some of them love the world. Write Love God beside the things which show love for God. Write Love the world beside the things which show love for the world.

\_\_\_\_\_ They go to see land on Sunday when there is a meeting in the church.

\_\_\_\_\_ They use all of their money for their families and themselves.

\_\_\_\_\_ They help the pastor visit people around them and invite them to church.

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18. We will talk about these questions in class.

What is it that a Christian should not love? \_\_\_\_\_

What happens if we love the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 7: 1 JOHN**

**DAY 4: FALSE TEACHERS SAY THAT JESUS IS NOT GOD**

**1 John 2:18-26**

1. We are learning what John teaches us in his first letter.

What is it that the Christian should not love? \_\_\_\_\_

What happens if we love the world? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Christians should not love the world. If we love the world, we lose our love for God. If we lose our love for God, we stop walking in the light. We walk in darkness. We begin to believe things which are not true. John says that Satan sends many false teachers to us. These teachers tell a great lie. They say that Jesus is not God. Today we will learn that we cannot be saved if we believe the great lie.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 2:18 to 23. What does John call the people who tell the great lie?

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3. He calls them antichrists. This means that they are not working for Christ. They are working against him. They tell lies about him. We have already seen one of their lies.

1 John 2:4:

He who says "I know him" (Jesus) but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

These people lie in saying that they know Jesus. But the great lie is that Jesus is not God.

Who warned us about the lie that Jesus is not God? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The one who wrote about this is John. He warned us about false teachers. He warned us about the great lie. It is a great lie because it is about God. People can believe many things about God. They can even offer sacrifices. But if they do not believe that Jesus is God, they cannot be saved.

The great lie says that someone is not God. Who does it say is not God?

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5. It says that Jesus is not God. We are talking about Jesus in the Bible. He lived almost 2000 years ago. And he is still living today. He is God's Son. The Bible tells us this. The Holy Spirit also tells us. Other Christians who live good lives also tell us.

But in the time of John there were some people who said that Jesus is not God. Even today there is much false teaching about Jesus.

What can we call the people who tell the lie that Jesus is not God? \_\_\_\_\_

6. We can call them false teachers or liars or antichrists. Some false teachers say that Jesus was not a good man. They say that he led people in the wrong way. They say that he told lies.

Other false teachers say that Jesus was a good man, but that is all. They say he was like us, but he lived a good life.

Other false teachers say that Jesus was a great prophet. He taught many good things. He told many things which would happen in the future. But then he died and did not rise again. People of the Muslim religion teach this.

Do these people agree that Jesus is God? \_\_\_\_\_

7. They do not agree with this. They refuse to believe what Jesus said about himself. They say that he was only a man. They say that he was only a prophet. But John and the other writers in the Bible tell us differently. They tell us that Jesus is more than a prophet. They tell us that he is God. People who teach that Jesus is only a prophet are telling the great lie.

What is the great lie? \_\_\_\_\_

8. The great lie is that Jesus is not God. John says we must believe that Jesus is God.

1 John 2:23-25:

No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life.

Look at these verses carefully. Must we believe that Jesus is God in order to have eternal life?

9. We must believe that Jesus is God to have eternal life. If we believe or confess Jesus, then we have the Father (God) also. And if we have God, then we have what he has promised, which is eternal life.

1 John 4:15:

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God.

But some people do not believe this. Instead they believe the great lie.

What is the great lie which John warns us about? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. The great lie is that Jesus is not God. But we know that Jesus is God. We have learned this from the Bible. We need to tell other people about it. Many people have not heard about Jesus. They must hear about him before they can believe on him. Some people have heard that Jesus is God, but they do not believe. They say that Jesus was only a man.

Can they have eternal life if they do not believe that Jesus is God? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. They cannot have eternal life. Jesus is our only Saviour. He is the only one who can save us from death. He is not just a man. He is God.

When people say that Jesus is not God, what are they telling? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. They are telling the great lie. They are refusing Jesus. Some people believe in another Jesus who lives as a man on earth today. They believe someone on earth today is God. They refuse the Jesus of the Bible. They do not believe that he is God.

Can people have eternal life if they do not believe that Jesus is God? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. They cannot have eternal life. They cannot be saved. John tells us this. We also read it in the book of Acts.

Acts 4:12:

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

What is the great lie which false teachers tell? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. They say that Jesus is not God. We have seen that some people believe on the Jesus of the Bible. But some other people lie about him.

Can people have eternal life if they do not believe that Jesus is God? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. They cannot have eternal life. We receive eternal life only through Jesus of the Bible. John tells us that Jesus is God's only Son. There are no people on earth today who can save us or give us eternal life.

Have you heard of someone on earth today who says he is Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Does he say that he can save people? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you call this person? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. We will talk about these questions in class.

What is the great lie which false teachers tell? \_\_\_\_\_

Can people have eternal life if they do not believe that Jesus is God? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 7: 1 JOHN**  
**DAY 5: GOD'S WORD MUST STAY IN US**  
1 John 2:24-29

1. What is the great lie which false teachers tell? \_\_\_\_\_

Can people have eternal life if they do not believe that Jesus is God? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. False teachers say that Jesus is not God. This is a great lie. We cannot have eternal life unless we believe that Jesus is God. We need to believe in Jesus. And we need to receive him. Then we need to stay in him. Today we will learn two things:

- (1) If we want to stay in Christ, we must let God's word stay in us.
- (2) We can get God's word to stay in us by studying it.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 2:24-29.

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3. From these lessons, I hope you see how important God's word is. God wants us to be strong Christians. He wants us to grow. He wants us to stay in Christ.

1 John 2:24:

Let what you heard from the beginning abide (or stay) in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father.

Read this verse again. What does John say the Christians should let stay in them?

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4. They should let what they have heard stay in them. John is talking about the things which they have heard from God. John and other apostles preached everywhere. They preached the things which they heard from Jesus. Look what John wrote to the young men.

1 John 2:14:

I write to you young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

From this verse, what did the word of God do in the young men that made them strong?

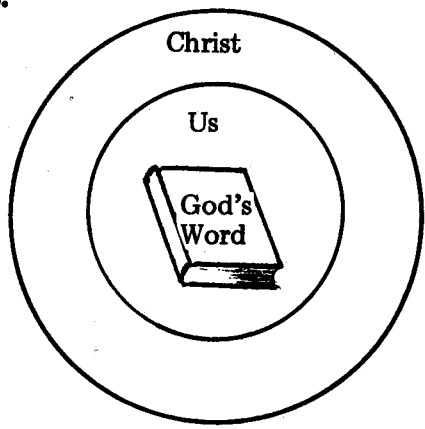
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5. It stayed in them. They did not let it slip away. And God's word made

them stay in Christ. We can show it like this. God's word in us makes us stay in Christ.



Some people read God's word. They think about it for a little while. Then they forget it. But Jesus knew God's word. He remembered it. When Satan tempted him, he answered, "It is written." He knew what to say because God's word was in him.

In order for us to overcome Satan, what must God's word do in us today?

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6. It must stay in us. Satan will be sure to tempt us because we are in Christ. He does not like for us to serve Christ. He does not like for us to study the Bible. He knows that when we study the Bible, he will be defeated.

When God's word stays in us, in whom do we stay? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. We stay in Christ. That is what John said.

1 John 2:24:

If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father.

All Christians should be concerned about how they live. They should want to serve Christ. They should want to please him more than anything else. This is what it means to stay in Christ.

What must stay in us in order for us to stay in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. God's word must stay in us. In the Old Testament, King David gave his

reason for studying the Bible.

Psalm 119:11:

I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

David had a good reason for studying the Bible. He did not want to sin. This should be one of our reasons too. I believe your main reason for studying the Bible is to become a strong Christian. You want to stay in Christ.

Do you have another reason for studying the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

If you said Yes, write your other reason here. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Perhaps you said that you want to teach others. Or perhaps you gave other reasons. We will discuss them in class. But the first reason for studying is to stay in Christ.

John wrote much about staying in Christ. He wrote about it in the General Epistles. He also wrote about it in the Gospel of John.

John 15:7:

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you.

If we want to stay in Christ, what must stay in us? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. His words must stay in us. We get his words to stay in us by studying them. When we study God's word, we do not get away from Christ. And John says that we will bear fruit.

John 15:5:

He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit.

If we study God's word, in whom can we stay? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. We can stay in Christ. Then we will not listen to false teachers. We will not follow Satan. Instead we will bear fruit. Bearing fruit means we will be like Jesus. We will be loving and helpful to others. And we will be ready when Jesus comes again.

1 John 2:28:

And now little children, abide in him, so that when he appears, we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

What must we do to get God's word to stay in us? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. We must study God's word. Many people are not interested in studying the Bible. They think they can be Christians without studying. They think the Holy Spirit will tell them everything. The Holy Spirit is a great teacher. He reminds us of the things which Jesus said. But we have to study the things Jesus said, so that the Holy Spirit can remind us of them.

Some people read God's word sometimes, but they never study. They never dig to find the meaning of what the Bible says. The Bible tells us that we will find God if we seek for him. God has given us his word. In his word he has shown himself to us. If we study, God has promised to make himself known to us.

When we study God's word in whom do we stay? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. We stay in Christ when God's word stays in us.

What must we do to get God's word to stay in us? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. We get God's word to stay in us by studying it. As we study, the Holy Spirit helps us to understand it. He helps us to remember it. John said that the Holy Spirit would be our teacher.

1 John 2:26-27:

I write this to you about those who would deceive you; but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him.

John wanted to warn the people about false teachers. We learned about them yesterday. False teachers teach lies. If we do not study God's word, we will be deceived by them.

If we are deceived by false teachers, will we stay in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. We cannot stay in Christ by following lies. We need to be careful about false teachers. But some people say they do not need any teachers at all. This is not what John meant. John himself was teaching when he wrote this letter. The Bible tells us in many places that there should be teachers in the church.

Ephesians 4:11:

And his gifts were that some should be apostles some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

Teachers are needed in the church. They must help people to study something very important.

What must stay in us in order for us to stay in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. God's word must stay in us. We must decide everything by God's word. Sometimes people do strange things. They say, "The Holy Spirit told me to do this." But when we look in the Bible, we see that their actions do not agree with God's word. We must have God's word staying in us.

What must we do to get God's word to stay in us? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. We must study God's word. We must know it well. We must spend time with the Bible. We must listen to teachers of the Bible.

Juma was an older pastor. He had never gone to Bible College. Young men from his church came to him for help. They wanted to study the Bible in Bible College. But Juma said, "You do not need to go to Bible College. The teachers cannot teach you anything. The Holy Spirit will teach you everything."

Do you know anyone who thinks this way? \_\_\_\_\_

If you said Yes, what do you think is wrong with his thinking? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you feel you should, go to him. Tell him kindly what you have learned in this lesson.

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18. We will talk about this in class.

What must stay in us in order for us to stay in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

What must we do to get God's word to stay in us? \_\_\_\_\_

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