

**WEEK 7: 2 PETER AND 1 JOHN**

**DAY 1: 2 PETER: TO HELP CHRISTIANS REMAIN IN THE TRUTH**

1. Today we will look at another new book. 2 Peter is very short. It is shorter than 1 Peter. But it is full of good teaching.

From 1 Peter, what is the third way we can prepare for our great hope?

(1) By living holy lives

(2) By being humble

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2. From 1 Peter the third way to prepare is by suffering. We have seen that Peter wrote 1 Peter. The writer of 1 Peter is also the writer of 2 Peter. Today we will learn:

(1) The writer of 2 Peter is Peter.

(2) The receivers are Christians everywhere.

(3) The aim of 2 Peter is: To help Christians remain in the truth.

Take your Bible now and read 2 Peter 1:1 to 8. Read verse 1 again. From this verse, what was Peter's position or work that helped him write to the Christians in this way?

3. Peter was a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ. This is what he said about himself in his letter. We know it is true because we read about Peter in other books of the Bible. In 2 Peter he was writing to Christians everywhere. He did not write to people in one place only. See what Peter said about the receivers of this letter.

2 Peter 1:1:

To those who have obtained (received) a faith of equal standing with (or the same as) ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peter speaks of the people as those who have received something. What does he say they have received?

4. He says that they have received faith. They may be the same Christians he wrote to in his first letter. But this letter is also for many others who have received faith. This means us too.

Who wrote the book of 2 Peter for Christians everywhere? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Peter wrote this book. He calls himself "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ." He is writing to Christians everywhere.

If 2 Peter was written to Christians everywhere, do you think it can help you too?

6. I think it can help you. It can help all Christians. It was written to help Christians everywhere.

Who called himself a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ and wrote a book to help Christians everywhere?  
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7. Peter did this. He was the writer of 2 Peter.

Who were the receivers of 2 Peter? \_\_\_\_\_

8. He wrote it to Christians everywhere. If you wrote just "Christians" that is not enough. Peter wanted to help Christians everywhere. He had an aim in writing this letter. His aim was: To help Christians remain in the truth. There were some false teachers in the church. Peter wanted to keep the Christians from following them.

Perhaps you have had false teachers come to you. Is it easy to remain in the truth when there is false teaching in the church?  
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9. It is hard to remain in the truth when false teaching comes. These Christians need help. They needed help from someone strong like Peter. Peter had seen Jesus. He had heard him teach. He knew Jesus and His teachings very well.

2 Peter 1:4:

by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption (or evil) that is in the world.

In his aim, who did Peter want to help remain in the truth? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Peter's aim was: To help Christians remain in the truth. We remember that in 1 Peter the Christians had trouble from outside the church. But in 2 Peter Christians were having trouble inside the church. False teachers had come into the church. Peter wanted to help the people remain in the truth.

To what people was 2 Peter written? \_\_\_\_\_

11. 2 Peter was written to Christians everywhere. The writer knew that false teachers would come to every Christian. This is one way Satan works to defeat us. We start listening to people who do not use the Bible. Or we listen to people who try to change the Bible. The writer wanted to help Christians everywhere. His aim in writing was: To help Christians remain in the truth.

Who was the writer of 2 Peter? \_\_\_\_\_

12. The writer was Peter. Peter called himself Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ. I think Peter was humble when he called himself a servant. As a servant he had a big aim in writing 2 Peter.

What was Peter's aim in writing this letter? \_\_\_\_\_

13. His aim was: To help Christians remain in the truth. Peter was telling Christians everywhere that they must refuse false teaching. He told them how to refuse.

2 Peter 1:2:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Peter wanted his receivers to have more knowledge. In order to remain in the truth, whom did Peter want them to know better?

14. Peter wanted Christians everywhere to know God and Jesus better. If they knew God and Jesus well, they would not accept false teaching. Peter's aim was: To help Christians remain in the truth.

2 Peter 1:5:

For this very reason make every effort to supplement (or add to) your faith with virtue (or goodness), and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self control...

Do you want very much to grow in this way in your spiritual life? \_\_\_\_\_

15. If your answer is "Yes," I believe 2 Peter can help you. I too want to know God and Christ in a better way. Knowledge is a big word in 2 Peter. It is used many times.

2 Peter 3:18:

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

What was the aim of 2 Peter? \_\_\_\_\_

16. The aim was: To help Christians remain in the truth. Remember that Peter was writing to Christians everywhere. He did not want them to be deceived.

Think about yourself. If you know someone very well, you do not believe lies which other people say about him. If we know God well, we can remain in the truth about Him.

Write one way in which we can grow in our knowledge of Christ and God? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Be ready to share your answer in class.

Who was the writer of 2 Peter? \_\_\_\_\_

Who were the receivers of this letter? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the writer's aim? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 7: 2 PETER AND 1 JOHN**

**DAY 2: KNOW GOD'S WORD AND REFUSE FALSE TEACHING**

1. Yesterday we began studying the book of 2 Peter. We saw that the word "knowledge" is used very much in this book. Today we will learn more about this word.

Who wrote 2 Peter? \_\_\_\_\_

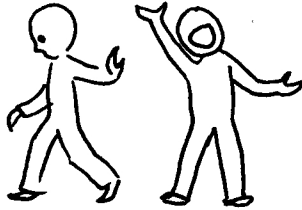
To whom did he write it? \_\_\_\_\_

What was his aim? \_\_\_\_\_  
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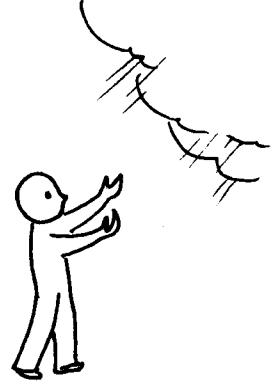
2. Peter wrote this letter to Christians everywhere. His aim was: To help them remain in the truth. Today we will begin to learn ways to remain in the truth. 2 Peter teaches three ways to remain in the truth:



(1) Know God's word



(2) Refuse false teaching



(3) Be ready for Jesus' return

Take your Bible now and read 2 Peter 1:16 to 21 and the first verse of chapter 3. Read verse 16 again. Was Peter sure of what he was writing? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Peter was sure. He was sure of what he was writing because he had been with Jesus. Now he wanted to help other Christians to know. He said that knowledge is important. Remember this verse from yesterday's lesson.

2 Peter 1:3:

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to (or help with) life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us.

Peter says that we have been given something. In this verse God's power has given us all things through what? \_\_\_\_\_

4. It is through the knowledge of Him who called us. We get knowledge of God through His word. The first way to remain in the truth is: Know God's word. This knowledge should not be only in our heads. Peter wants the Christians to know God's word in their hearts. He wants them to know it and believe it.

There is much knowledge which we can get about the world today. Which is more important -- is it knowledge of God or knowledge of the world around us?

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5. Peter wants us to have knowledge of God. Many people in the world today are very clever. They know many things. They can make many things. But knowing God and His word is more important. This world will pass away but God's word will not pass away.

2 Peter 1:5:

For this very reason make effort to supplement your faith with... knowledge.

How do you think we can learn more about God's word? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. We can read it. We can study it. That is what you are doing in this class. We must add knowledge to our faith. Knowing what God says is very important if you want to remain in the truth.

We are learning three ways to remain in the truth. The first way tells us to know something. What must we know? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. The first two ways to remain in the truth are:



(1) Know God's word



(2) Refuse false teaching

It is very important to remain in the truth. Remember that the thing we need to know is the word of God. This knowledge does not come from men but from God.

From what book do we learn the word of God? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. We learn God's word from the Bible. If we read it and study it, we will know it. Peter wants his receivers to know it well.

What is the first way to remain in the truth? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The first way is: Know God's word. The second way is: Refuse false teaching.

Remember that God gave his word through men. It came through the writings of the prophets and apostles. The prophets heard God speak. The apostles saw Jesus.

2 Peter 1:21:

no prophecy ever came by the impulse (or will) of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

From this verse, who moved men to write the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

10. The Holy Spirit (from God) moved men to write the Bible. This is God's Spirit. The Bible is the word of God. It comes from God and talks about God. If you read it and study it you will know about God. Remember that knowing God's word is the first way to remain in the truth.

2 Peter 2:1:

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you.

The second way to remain in the truth tells us to refuse something. What must we refuse? \_\_\_\_\_

11. We must refuse false teaching. Look again at the two ways to remain in the truth:

(1) Know God's word.

(2) Refuse false teaching.

Peter knew God's word. He knew what the prophets had written. He heard what Jesus taught. He could see when teachings were false. He did not listen to such teachings.

2 Peter 2:2:

And many will follow their licentiousness (or sin), and because of them the way of truth will be reviled (or laughed at).

If we refuse false teachings, what will we remain in? \_\_\_\_\_

12. We will remain in the truth. The second way to do this is to refuse false teaching. If we know God and His word we will not listen to false teaching. The Bible is full of truth about God and His promises. We should read it and study it.

From 2 Peter, what is the first way to remain in the truth?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Refuse false teaching.

13. The first way to remain in the truth is: Know God's word. Peter is warning the Christians that they should not forget the truth. If they do, they will go back into the sinful life of the world. They should study God's word until Christ returns.

2 Peter 1:19:

And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

What is the second way to remain in the truth?

(1) Know God's word

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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14. The second way is: Refuse false teaching.

2 Peter 2:3:

And in their greed they will exploit (or cheat) you with false words.

2 Peter 2:14-15:

They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable (or hungry) for sin. They entice (or deceive) unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed! Forsaking the right way they have gone astray.

What kind of people are those who give false teaching? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. They are very bad people. They are very sinful. They want to lead us away. We must know the word of God. It will show us the truth.

What is the second way to remain in the truth?

(1) Know God's word.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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16. We must refuse false teaching. This will be easier if we know what God says. So now we understand what Peter was concerned about near the end of his life.

2 Peter 1:12-14:

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. It think it right, as long as I am in the body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon.

Do you hear any false teaching being given today? \_\_\_\_\_

If you said "yes", tell what the false teaching is. \_\_\_\_\_

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**17. Be ready to talk about this false teaching in class.**

**From 2 Peter write two ways to remain in the truth.**

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) **Be ready for Jesus' return.**

**WEEK 7: 2 PETER**  
**DAY 3: BE READY FOR JESUS' RETURN**

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2. Two ways to remain in the truth are (1) Know God's word, (2) Refuse false teaching. Today we will learn the third way to remain in the truth.



(3) Be ready for Jesus' return

Take your Bible now and read 2 Peter 3:1 to 7. Read verse 1 again. Who is this writer who wants the Christians to be ready for Jesus' return? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Peter is the writer of this book. He wanted the Christians to be careful of the false teachers in the church. See what he says.

2 Peter 3:3-4:

First of all you must understand this, that scoffers (or those who laugh) will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own passions and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming?"

False teachers try to make Christians doubt the return of Christ. Do you think Christians will be ready for Jesus' return if they do not think He is coming?

4. We will not be ready if we think no one is coming. We cannot remain in the truth if we doubt that Jesus will return. Being ready for His return is the third way to remain in the truth. Peter helped the Christians to be sure that Jesus is coming.

How many ways to remain in the truth are we learning from 2 Peter? \_\_\_\_\_

5. We are learning three ways. Today we see that being ready for Jesus' return is the third way to remain in the truth. Peter wanted the Christians to know that Jesus is coming back. He has promised that He will return.

2 Peter 3:9-10:

The Lord is not slow about his promises... But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.

From these verses, what will surely happen to fulfil God's promises? \_\_\_\_\_

6. The day of the Lord will come. This is the promise. But Peter says that the false teachers do not believe this. They forget that God brought the earth out of the water. Then He also destroyed it with water in the flood.

2 Peter 3:5:

They deliberately (or on purpose) ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago, and an earth formed out of water and by means of water ... was deluged (or flooded) with water and perished.

Peter goes on to say that the earth is now being prepared for a great fire. This will come after Jesus returns.

If we want to remain in the truth, what must we be ready for? \_\_\_\_\_

7. We must be ready for Jesus' return. Peter wanted his receivers to know the word of God and believe it. That is why he kept on telling them to know.

2 Peter 3:10:

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved (or melted) with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up.

Do you know and believe that Jesus will return? \_\_\_\_\_

8. I hope your answer is "Yes." Remember there are three ways in 2 Peter to remain in the truth.

What is the third way?

- (1) Know God's word
- (2) Refuse false teaching

(3) \_\_\_\_\_



9. The third way to remain in the truth is to be ready for Jesus' return. Peter cared about other Christians. He wanted them to remain in the truth and be ready. He told them some ways to be ready.

2 Peter 3:11:

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved (or burned up), what sort of persons ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God.

What kind of lives should we live in order to remain in the truth and be ready for Jesus' return?

10. We should live holy lives. We should live godly lives. We should not allow any sin to remain in us and spoil our lives.

2 Peter 3:14:

Therefore, beloved, since you wait for these (the things which will happen when Jesus returns), be zealous (or careful) to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Do you know when Jesus will return? \_\_\_\_\_

11. We do not know when Jesus will return. But we know that He is coming back. Peter tells us to be ready for His return. This is the third way to remain in the truth.

From yesterday, what are the first two ways to remain in the truth?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Be ready for Jesus' return.

12. We must (1) Know God's word, and (2) Refuse false teaching. Peter wrote about the second way again at the end of his letter.

2 Peter 3:17:

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, beware lest you be carried away with the error of lawless men and lose your own stability (or stand for the truth).

What is the third way to remain in the truth? \_\_\_\_\_

13. The third way is: Be ready for Jesus' return. Perhaps you are sometimes tired of waiting for Christ to return. Perhaps other people tell you He is not coming. Do not just sit and wait for Him to come. Be busy with the things God wants you to do. This is how Peter ended his letter.

2 Peter 3:18:

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Are you ready for the coming of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. I know that is a very big question. Remember, Peter wants Christians to be ready. Jesus himself told us this.

Matthew 24:44:

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Take time now to pray for yourself. Pray that the Lord will keep you in His truth. Ask Him to help you know His word, refuse false teaching, and be ready for His return. When you have prayed, write "Amen" here. \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Your people also need to know these teachings from 2 Peter.

Prepare a sermon to preach from the lessons of yesterday and today. On another paper write the big things you will say. Preach the sermon if you can. Bring your paper to class.

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16. From 2 Peter, what are the three ways to remain in the truth?

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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 7: 2 PETER AND 1 JOHN**  
**DAY 4: JOHN WROTE TO HIS SPIRITUAL CHILDREN**

1. You have learned many things about the books of Peter. Today you will go on to the letter of John. But first let us see if you remember what you learned yesterday.

From 2 Peter, what is the third way to remain in the truth?

- (1) Know God's word.
- (2) Refuse false teaching
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

2. The third way to remain in the truth is: Be ready for Jesus' return. The books of Peter got their name from their writer. The three letters of John also got their name from their writer. Let us learn it this way.

- (1) 1 John was written by John.
- (2) He also wrote 2 and 3 John.
- (3) The receivers were the spiritual children of John.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 1:1 to 4. Read verse 3 again. Was John writing about something he knew for sure? \_\_\_\_\_

3. John was sure about the things he was writing. He was writing about things which he had seen and heard. John had been with Jesus. There were many people with the name of John in the Bible. This John was the disciple of Jesus whom Jesus loved very much.

John 21:7:

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

Now take Your Bible again. See how many letters are called by the name of John. The gospel of John is near the beginning of the New Testament. It is not a letter. The letters of John are near the end of the Bible. Count the letters of John starting with 1 John. How many are there? \_\_\_\_\_

4. There are three of them. They are all called by his name. 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John are all written by the same person.

Who is the loved disciple of Jesus who wrote these books? \_\_\_\_\_

5. This is John. He is the writer of the book we are starting today. At first we are learning about only one of the letters which John wrote.

Which letter of John are we studying this week? \_\_\_\_\_

6. We are studying 1 John. The same writer wrote 2 John and 3 John also. The letter of 1 John was written to John's spiritual children. They are the receivers of this book.

Who is the writer of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

7. The writer of 1 John is John. He is the loved disciple of Jesus. John did not write only 1 John. He wrote the gospel of John. He wrote other letters too. What other letters did John the loved disciple of Jesus write?

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8. The other letters John wrote are 2 John and 3 John. He wrote these letters to Christians who needed help. They were John's spiritual children. Some of these Christians were being troubled by false teaching. There were people who were trying to change the faith of these Christians.

1 John 2:1:

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin.

What did John call the people he was writing to? \_\_\_\_\_

9. He called them his little children. He loved these Christians. He did not want them to be led away by false teachers. He wanted to stay true to the gospel which they had received.

1 John 2:7:

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard.

1 John 2:12:

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his sake.

The receivers of this letter were the spiritual children of whom? \_\_\_\_\_

10. They were the spiritual children of John. When John wrote 1 John he was an old man. He was the head of a large part of the church. He was writing to those who were under his care.

1 John 2:18:

Children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come.

From this verse, what was troubling John's spiritual children? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Many antichrists had come. These were false teachers. They taught against Christ. They said that He did not really become a man. Some said that He was not God's Son. Some said that we do not have to live above sin.

1 John 3:7:

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who does right is righteous, as He is righteous.

Who were the receivers of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

12. The receivers were John's spiritual children. John wanted to help them. The false teachers were spoiling the fellowship in the church.

1 John 4:1:

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

What other letters did John write besides 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_

13. He also wrote 2 John and 3 John. He did much to help the Christians in his time. 1 John can help anyone who has the same needs. The false teachers of that time said that only the spirit of man is good. Everything else is evil. They said man's flesh or physical body is evil. They also said that the Spirit of God could not live in man's body. These were false teachings.

Who wrote 1 John to his spiritual children? \_\_\_\_\_

14. John wrote 1 John. The Christians were being troubled by false teachings. John wrote this letter to help them. They needed to hear from someone who knew Jesus. John had seen Jesus. He had heard Jesus. He had touched Jesus. He knew Him very well. He told his receivers that they could know God by knowing Jesus.

1 John 2:21-23:

I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? ... No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also.

Who were the receivers of the book of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

15. The receivers were John's spiritual children. All through his letter we see how much he loved them. He called them his little children and his beloved. He did not think of himself as their ruler.

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.

1 John 4:7:

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God.

Pastor Makumbe had 30 members in his church. He knew the name of each one. He tried to visit each one at home. He talked with them one by one to see how their faith was. He did not try to rule them. He thought of each one as his spiritual child. When anyone fell into sin Pastor Makumbe cried and prayed for him. He helped him return to God's way. Do you know any pastors like this?

16. Church leaders today sometimes forget this part of their work. They must love those under their care. They must think of them as their children, not as their servants. Perhaps you have trouble with this. You need to love each person in your church as your child.

Do you think you need to do better than you are doing in this? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. Perhaps others in the class can pray for you.

Who was the writer of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What other letters did he write? \_\_\_\_\_ and

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To whom did he write 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 7: 2 PETER AND 1 JOHN**  
**DAY 5: WE CAN KNOW**

1. Yesterday you started to learn the book of 1 John. You saw that this is a powerful letter.

Who wrote 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What other letters did he write? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

To whom did he write 1 John?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. John wrote 1 John. He also wrote 2 John and 3 John. He was writing to his spiritual children. Today we will learn the big subject of this letter. John wrote about many things in 1 John. In each thing he wrote, he said that we can know. We can be sure of those things. This is what we will learn today.

(1) The big subject of 1 John is: We can know.

(2) John's aim was: To help Christians know that they have eternal life.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 2:1 to 6. Read verse 3 again. In this verse, what can we be sure about?

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3. We can be sure that we know Him. John is writing about knowing God through Christ. We have learned that Jesus is the One who speaks to God for us.

1 John 2:5:

but whoever keeps His word, in him truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in Him

Some people say that we cannot know if we are in Christ, or if we are saved.

What does this verse say we can be sure about?

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4. We can be sure that we are in Him. We can know. Remember that the receivers of this letter were Christians. But they were troubled by false teaching. John wanted them to be sure about things. The word "know" is a big word in this book. It is used 33 times.

1 John 2:14:

I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

What book has the big subject: We can know? \_\_\_\_\_

5. This is 1 John. The big subject is: We can know. When you read this book, watch for the word “know” in every chapter.

1 John 2:21:

I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and know that no lie is of the truth.

The big subject of 1 John is: We can know. Are there many verses, or few verses, which speak of this big subject? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. There are many verses which speak of this.

1 John 3:14:

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren.

From this book we have seen many things which we can know.

We can know that we are in Him.

We can know Him.

We can know the truth.

We can know we have passed out of death.

What is the big subject of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. The big subject of 1 John is: We can know. But there was one special thing John wanted them to know. John’s aim in writing this book was: To help Christians know they had eternal life. We have seen that the word “know” is used many times in 1 John. This word is also used in the gospel of John. John wrote about the life of Christ for the same reason. He believed it was important for people to know.

John 20:31:

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

From this verse, what must we believe? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. We must believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. If we believe this, we can know that we have life. John thought it was important for people to know, so they could believe and have life. This brings us back to 1 John. There is a special verse which tells us the aim of the book.

1 John 5:13:

I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

If you have extra time this week, memorise this verse. John wrote this letter so we can know that we have what? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. We can know that we have eternal life. We do not have to doubt. We do not have to say, "I think so." We can be sure. John wanted to help people. He wanted them to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. John himself knew and believed this. John knew that he had eternal life. He had an important aim in writing 1 John.

What was his aim in writing this letter? \_\_\_\_\_

10. His aim was: To help Christians know they have eternal life. John wanted people to be sure that Jesus came as a man to this earth. Some people were teaching that Jesus did not come in the flesh. They said Jesus only looked like a man. John wrote to help Christians understand the truth about Jesus.

1 John 4:2-3:

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God.

From these verses, in order to know that we have eternal life, we must believe in whom? \_\_\_\_\_

11. We must believe in Jesus. We must believe that He is the Son of God who came as a man. Then He will put His love in our hearts.

1 John 3:18-19:

Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him.

What is the big subject of 1 John? (Do not write the full aim.) \_\_\_\_\_

12. The big subject of 1 John is: We can know. We can know that God's Son came in the flesh. We can know that we know Him. And there is something very special that we can know about ourselves. This is why John wrote the letter. Look at the verse again.

1 John 5:13:

I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

John's aim was that we might know what? \_\_\_\_\_

13. We can know that we have eternal life. John, the loved apostle of Jesus, wanted to help Christians. He wanted to help his spiritual children. Remember that we must know God's Son. If we know the Son and believe in Him, we also know something else.

What was John's aim in writing 1 John?

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14. John's aim was: To help Christians know that they have eternal life.

Think about yourself. You need to be sure of what you believe. If someone asks you about it, you must be able to say, "Yes, I have eternal life. I know because God's word tells me I have life if I believe."

There are many things we can know from 1 John. We can know the Spirit of God. We can know the truth. We can know that it is the last hour.

What is the big subject of 1 John? (Do not write the aim.) \_\_\_\_\_

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15. The big subject is: We can know.

In Phenduka Church in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia there was a man who disagreed with every preacher. He did not believe the teaching that we can know. He said we cannot know here on earth that we have eternal life. He always said we will only know when we get to heaven. He said people are proud who say that they have eternal life.

Do you think this man understood the teaching of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

If you could talk to him what would you say to him? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Be ready to share your answer in class.

What is the big subject of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the aim of this book? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 8: 1,2,3 JOHN AND JUDE**  
**DAY 1: WE MUST WALK IN THE LIGHT**

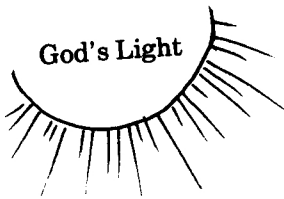
1. We are in the middle of a very interesting letter. We will go on with 1 John today. But first, remember the last lesson.

What is the big subject of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the aim of this book? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The big subject is: We can know. The aim is: To help Christians know that they have eternal life. John gives us some ways to know this. One way to know we have eternal life is that we walk in the light. But how can we walk in the light? John shows us three ways to do this. Today we will learn three steps to walking in the light.



(1) Confessing

(2) Obeying

(3) Loving

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 1:5 to 10. Read verse 7 again. If we walk in the Light and have fellowship, what does the blood of Christ do to our sin?

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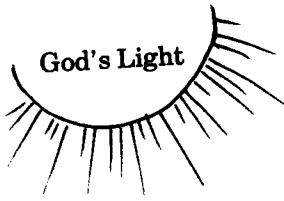
3. The blood of Jesus cleanses our sin. It is our sin that brings us death. So if our sin is washed away, we can have eternal life. John is writing about the ways to know that we have eternal life. The first way is to walk in the light by confessing our sin.

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.

From this verse, who is the light that we must walk in? \_\_\_\_\_

4. The light is God. His truth shows us the way to go. John is helping his spiritual children know and walk in the light. There are some things we must do to walk in the light. Look at the steps again.



(1) Confessing

(2) Obeying

(3) Loving

How many steps does 1 John give us for walking in the light? \_\_\_\_\_

5. 1 John gives us three steps. Walking in the light helps us to know that we have eternal life. It does not give us life. But as we walk in the light, we know that God is living His life in us.

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.

From this verse, what should you do about your sins in order to receive forgiveness? \_\_\_\_\_

6. If you confess your sins God will forgive them. Confessing is the first step of walking in the light. Think about this verse again.

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.

When we walk in the light and confess our sins, what does the blood of Jesus do for us? \_\_\_\_\_

7. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Then we must walk in God's light. Perhaps you once tried to take a journey at night. You did not have a light with you. It was very easy to lose your way or to walk into a hole. We need light in order to walk well. The same is true in our spiritual lives. God is our light and we must walk in the light He gives us.

What is the first step of walking in the light? (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Obeying                      (3) Loving

8. The first step in walking in the light is confessing. Remember that God does not want us to sin. But if we do, we have help for cleansing. Jesus paid for our sins. He will cleanse us from sin if we confess it to Him. When we confess, we show that we see our sin. We show that we believe the blood of Jesus paid for our sin. We are forgiven. The blood of Jesus is the only thing that can truly wash away all sin.

If we walk in the light and confess our sin, what kind of life do we know that we have?

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9. We know we have eternal life. Jesus paid for our sins -- yours and mine. He bought eternal life for us. So we should walk in the light. Walking means moving all the time. It means going forward. We should go on from the time we first received Christ. We should keep taking the steps of walking in the light.

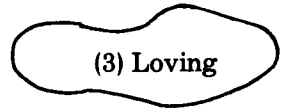
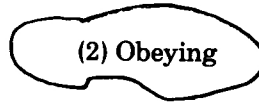
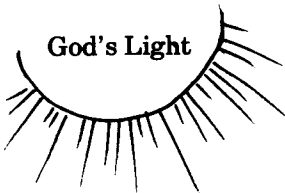
1 John 2:1:

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

In 1 John, what is the first step of walking in the light? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Here are the three steps.



Selinah believed in Christ. She prayed with a friend and received Jesus. This made a great change in her life. She began to walk in God's light. She began to obey God's commands. This helped her to know she had God's life.

1 John 2:4-5:

He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected.

Who is the one who walks in the light? Is it one who obeys God's commands or one who disobeys?

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11. The person who obeys is the one who walks in the light. Obeying is the second step. Confessing is the first. These steps help you know you are walking in the light. They help you know you have eternal life.

1 John 2:6:

he who says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.

As we walk in the light, whose commands do we obey? \_\_\_\_\_

12. The commands of God give us light. They help us understand how we should live. They make our way clear. The writers of the Psalms understood this.

Psalms 119:13: and 133:

The unfolding of thy words gives light ...

Keep steady my steps according to thy promise.

What is the second step in walking in the light? (1) Confessing (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Loving

13. The second step is: Obeying. And there is one special way in which we must obey. We must love. Loving is the third step in walking in the light. John has much to say about this.

1 John 2:10:

He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling.

It is easy to say that we love God, but who does this verse say we must love?

14. We must love our brother. This does not mean only the ones born from our parents. It means all our Christian brothers. We must love others if we want to walk in the light.

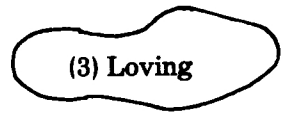
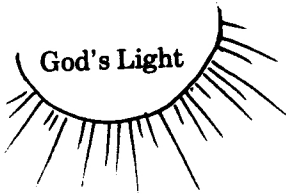
1 John 2:9:

He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still.

What book says that loving is part of walking in the light, and that walking in the light shows we have eternal life?

15. This book is 1 John. If you are obeying God you will love other people. Sometimes this is hard. Other people sometimes hurt us. But God says that if we hate others we are in darkness. If we are in darkness we cannot go forward. We must let God put His love into our hearts.

What is the second step of walking in the light?



16. The second step is: Obeying.

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.

1 John 3:17:

if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

What is the third step in walking in the light? (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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17. The third step is loving. But we must love the right things. We should not love the world. Instead we should love God and His people. Selinah was glad that her life began to change when she came to Christ. There were some people whom she once hated. Now she began to love them as God helped her.

1 John 3:14:

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

What does walking in the light help us know that we have? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Walking in the light helps us know that we have eternal life. From 1 John, what are the three steps of walking in the light?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 8: 1, 2, 3 JOHN AND JUDE**

**DAY 2: THE SPIRIT WITNESSES AND WE BELIEVE THE TRUTH**

1. We have seen that the aim of 1 John is: To help Christians know they have eternal life. Yesterday we saw that walking in the light is one way to know they have eternal life. Yesterday we saw that walking in the light is one way to know this. We learned three steps of walking in the light.

What are they? (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_

2. The three steps of walking in the light are: Confessing, obeying, and loving. Walking in the light is one way to know we have eternal life. There are also other ways to know this. Today we will learn two more ways to know that we have eternal life:

- (1) The Holy Spirit witnesses to us.
- (2) We believe the truth.

Take your Bible now and read 1 John 5:6 to 12. Read verse 7 again. In this verse, who is the witness?  
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3. The Spirit is the witness. He tells us in our hearts that we have eternal life. John wrote in his gospel about the promise of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told His disciples that the Counselor would come.

John 14:16-17:

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (or helper), to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.

The gospel of John tells us the promise of the Holy Spirit, but in what book does John tell us the ways to know that we have eternal life?  
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4. This is in the book of 1 John. The first way to know we have eternal life is: (1) The Holy Spirit witnesses to us. The second way is: (2) We believe the truth.

1 John 2:20:

You have been anointed by the Holy One and you all know.

1 John 5:8:

There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree.

The first witness is the Holy Spirit. After we believe, what kind of life does He show us that we have?  
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5. He shows us that we have eternal life. We have eternal life because our sins are forgiven and we are God's children. Paul wrote about this too.

Romans 8:16:

It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

From this verse, the Spirit bears witness with our Spirit about what? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. He witnesses that we are children of God. If we are children of God we know that we have eternal life. If we are children of God, we believe what our Father says. The second way to know we have eternal life is: We believe the truth.

What is the first way to know that we have eternal life? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. The first way is: The Holy Spirit witnesses to us. We should believe the Spirit of God. He is the Spirit of truth. The second way to know that we have eternal life is: We believe the truth.

1 John 5:7:

The Spirit is the witness because the Spirit is the truth.

Read this verse again. From this verse, why is the Spirit the witness? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. The Spirit is the witness because He is the truth. It is the Holy Spirit who helps us know that we have eternal life. The Holy Spirit comes from God. He tells us the truth. The second way we know we have eternal life is: We believe the truth.

1 John 4:13:

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of his own Spirit.

Whose Spirit is the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The Holy Spirit is God's Spirit. He comes from God. God is the One who gives the Holy Spirit. He gives Him so He can witness to us about the eternal life we have in Jesus. He is the Spirit of truth.

In the second way to know eternal life, who are those who believe the truth?

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10. We believe the truth. This is the second way to know we have eternal life. If we believe the witness of the Spirit, we believe the truth. Look again at the two ways to know we have eternal life.

- (1) The Holy Spirit witnesses to us.
- (2) We believe the truth.

1 John 3:24:

by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit which He has given us.

From this verse, how do we know He abides in us? \_\_\_\_\_

11. We know by the Spirit which He has given us. If we have the Holy Spirit we know Jesus. Knowing Jesus means we have life and we know God.

But the false teachers said the Christians were wrong about Jesus. They said Jesus was not truly God in the flesh. The Christians were tempted not to believe the truth.

The first way to know we have eternal life is: The Holy Spirit witnesses to us. What is the second way? \_\_\_\_\_

12. The second way to know we have eternal life is: We believe the truth. These ways helped the Christians to whom John was writing. The teaching from the false teachers was dangerous. It said that Jesus did not come in the flesh.

But if Jesus was not a real man He could not die for man's sin. If He was only a spirit He could not shed real blood. We believe that Jesus became a man. He died for our sins. John wanted these Christians to know and believe this truth.

Do you think it was easy for these Christians to believe the truth when they had so much false teaching? \_\_\_\_\_

13. I do not think it was easy for them. But John wrote this letter to help them. The false teachers said strange things about eternal life. But John wrote the true ways that we can know we have eternal life. Today you are learning two of them.

What is the first way to know we have eternal life?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) We believe the truth

14. The first way to know we have eternal life is: The Holy Spirit witnesses to us. The second is: We believe the truth.

I know a man who calls himself a Christian. He says you can only know you have eternal life if one of these things happens to you: As you repent, you must see a paper written with all the sins you have ever committed. You must hear a voice or see a vision telling you your sins are forgiven. You must speak in another language.

Does this man say the same thing as John says? \_\_\_\_\_

15. He does not say the same as John. Yesterday and today we have seen many ways we can know that we have eternal life. Yesterday we saw that walking in the light helps us know we have life. Today we have learned that the Spirit witnesses to us.

1 John 5:10:

He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made Him a liar.

What is the second way we know that we have eternal life?

(1) The Holy Spirit witnesses to us.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

16. The second way is: We believe the truth. John wanted his spiritual children to know that they had eternal life. God wants us to know this too. That is why He had John write these words. That is why we have them in the Bible today.

But some people have trouble with this. They say we cannot know until we die. They say that if we say we have eternal life, we lift ourselves up. Perhaps you have trouble with this. You need to believe God's promises. He says that if you believe, you have life. The Holy Spirit will help you know in your heart that this is true for you. Believe the truth which He shows you. If you need help, go to your class leader.

Do you know for sure that you have eternal life? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Besides walking in the light, what are two more ways to know we have eternal life?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 8: 1, 2, 3 JOHN AND JUDE**  
**DAY 3: HELP THOSE WHO TEACH THE TRUTH**

1. Yesterday you finished learning about 1 John. You have learned that John also wrote 2 John and 3 John. These are very short letters. Today you will learn a bit from each of them. But first, remember yesterday's lesson.

From 1 John, write two ways to know that you have eternal life.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

2. The two ways are (1) The Holy Spirit witnesses to us and (2) We believe the truth. John wrote some wonderful things in his three letters. 2 John and 3 John are very short. In each of them he told the readers that he hoped to come and see them. He wanted to talk to them face to face. But before that, he had something important to say by letter. Today we will learn:

(1) The big subject of 2 John is: Do not help the deceivers.

(2) The receivers were the chosen lady and her children.

(3) The big subject of 3 John is: Help those who teach the truth.

(4) The receiver of 3 John was Gaius.

Take your Bible now and read 2 John 1:8 to 11. How many chapters are there in 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_ How many chapters are there in 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Each of these books has only one chapter. The chapters are short. But these little letters are helpful.

2 John 1:1:

The elder to the elect (or chosen) lady and her children, whom I love in the truth.

We know that the elder who was writing was John. To whom did he write this second letter?

4. He wrote to the chosen lady and her children. Who was this lady? We are not sure. Perhaps she was a Christian mother with her own children. Or perhaps she was the leader of a group of Christians meeting in her home. John loved these people and wanted to help them. In writing to them he also wrote to us.

2 John 1:7:

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, men who will not acknowledge the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh.

John wanted to warn the chosen lady and her children about whom? \_\_\_\_\_

5. He wanted to warn them about deceivers. These deceivers were especially bad. They were deceiving people about Christ. So the big subject of 2 John is: Do not help the deceivers. John wanted the lady and her children to keep the true teaching about Jesus.

2 John 1:8:

Look to yourselves, that you may not lose what you have worked for, but may win a full reward.

Who were the receivers of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

6. The receivers were the chosen lady and her children. If they helped the deceivers they would lose what they had worked for. They had worked to let people know that Jesus is God's Son in the flesh. All this work could be destroyed by the deceivers. The Christians would not win the reward for their work. John wanted them to receive a full reward.

2 John 1:9:

Any one who goes ahead and does not abide in the doctrine (or true teaching) of Christ does not have God; He who abides in the doctrine has both the Father and the Son.

Paul said that the Christians should not help whom?

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7. They should not help the deceivers. These were the ones deceiving people about Christ. The big subject of 2 John is: Do not help the deceivers.

2 John 1:10:

If any one comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into the house or give him any greeting; for he who greets him shares his wicked work.

From this verse why should the Christians not help the deceivers? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. It is because when they help the deceivers, they share their wicked work. Paul says they should go on walking in the light which they have received.

What is the big subject of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who received this letter? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The big subject of 2 John is: Do not help the deceivers. John wrote these words to the chosen lady and her children. But 3 John was written to someone else. The big subject of 3 John is: Help those who follow the truth.

3 John 1:1:

The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

To whom was John, the elder, writing this third letter? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. He was writing it to Gaius. John loved Gaius as he loved the chosen lady and her children. Gaius was a good man. Perhaps he is the same Gaius who went with Paul to preach in Ephesus. He suffered in the troubles there.

Acts 19:29:

So the city was filled with the confusion; and they rushed together into the theater (or meeting place), dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel.

The big subject of 3 John is: Help those who teach the truth. What is the big subject of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. The big subject of 2 John is: Do not help the deceivers. But the big subject of 3 John is: Help those who teach the truth.

3 John 1:5:

Beloved, it is a loyal thing you do when you render (or give) any service to the brethren, especially to strangers, who have testified to your love before the church.

From this verse, do you think it is a big thing, or a small thing, to do good to other people? \_\_\_\_\_

12. John counted it as a big thing. He said it is important to help others, especially those who teach the truth. John was happy that Gaius was kind to other Christians.

3 John 1:3:

For I greatly rejoice when some of the brethren arrived and testified to the truth of your life, as indeed you do follow the truth.

From this verse, was Gaius following the truth? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he help those who taught the truth, or did he help the deceivers? \_\_\_\_\_

13. This man followed the truth. He also helped those who followed the truth. That is why John wrote to him. John was pleased with what this good man was doing. He wanted him to go on doing it. So the big subject of 3 John is: Help those who teach the truth.

3 John 1:6-7:

You will do well to send them on their journey as befits God's service. For they have set out for his sake and have accepted nothing from the heathen.

Who was the receiver of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

14. The receiver of 3 John was Gaius. The big subject was: Help those who teach the truth. John the beloved disciple wrote three letters to different people. But the letters are also for us. God led John to write things that guide all Christians.

Who were the receivers of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

15. The receivers were the chosen lady and her children. The big subject is: Do not help the deceivers.

Who was the receiver of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

16. The receiver of 3 John was Gaius. The big subject: Help those who teach the truth. Gaius was already doing this. John wanted him to continue. He wanted others who read the letter to do the same. Christians should help other Christians. Even if they are strangers we should help them if they teach the truth. We should specially help those who have given themselves to the Lord's work.

Mrs. Zivai cannot preach or go on evangelism journeys. But when an evangelist comes, she prepares food for him. She and her husband visit the homes of their neighbours with the evangelist.

Think about yourself. Write one thing you are doing to help other Christians?

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17. Be ready to share your answer in class. Helping others who teach the truth is important. Those who work for God specially need our help. They do not have as much time to work for themselves. All of us need to be working together for the Lord.

3 John 1:7-8:

For they have set out for His sake and have accepted nothing from the heathen. So we ought to support such men, that we may be fellow workers in the truth.

From this verse, if we help those who follow the truth, what do we become?

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18. We become fellow workers in the truth. This means that we too are working for God. We do it by helping others. 2 John says that we should not help deceivers. John wrote this to the chosen lady and her children along with all Christians.

Who was the receiver of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

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19. The receiver of 3 John was Gaius. The big subject of 3 John is: Help those who teach the truth.

Who was the writer of 2 John and 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

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20. John was the writer of these two letters.

Who were the receivers of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the receiver of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 8: 1, 2, 3 JOHN, AND JUDE**  
**DAY 4: JUDE WROTE: FIGHT FOR THE FAITH**

1. We have almost finished the little letters of the New Testament. Yesterday you learned a bit about 2 John and 3 John. Today you will learn from Jude.

Who were the receivers of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the receiver of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

2. The receivers of 2 John were the chosen lady and her children. The big subject is: Do not help deceivers. The receiver of 3 John was Gaius. The big subject is: Help those who teach the truth.

Today let us learn from the little book of Jude. This is what we will learn:

- (1) The writer of Jude was Jude.
- (2) Jude was the brother of Jesus and James.
- (3) The big subject of Jude is: Fight for the faith.

Take your Bible now and read Jude 1:1 to 4. Read verse 3 again. In this verse, what does Jude say we must fight for? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Jude says we should fight for the faith. Jude is the writer of the book which has his name. But there were many people called by this name in Bible times. Who was this Jude? He was the brother of Jesus and James.

Jude 1:1:

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James.

What did Jude call himself in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_

4. He called himself a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James. We have seen that James was a brother of Jesus. If Jude was the brother of James, then he was the brother of Jesus too. But Jude was a humble man like James. He did not call himself the brother of Jesus. He called himself a servant. Here is the rest of the verse.

Jude 1:1:

... To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ.

To whom did Jude write? \_\_\_\_\_

5. He wrote to those who are called. It is those who are beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ. This means the Christians. So this book is for us too. But what did Jude want to write about to the Christians? The big subject of this book is: Fight for the faith.

Who was this Jude who wrote the letter? \_\_\_\_\_

6. He was the brother of Jesus and James. Like James, he called himself a servant of Jesus. You remember who the mother of Jesus was. She was Mary. She was also the mother of Jude and of James. Remember what the people said about Jesus.

Matthew 13:55:

Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas (or Jude)?

Jude, the brother of Jesus and James wanted to help Christians. The big subject of his letter said they should fight for something. He said they should fight for what? \_\_\_\_\_

7. He said they should fight for the faith. What faith was he talking about? He meant faith in Jesus which God has given to the church.

Jude 1:3:

... I found it necessary to write appealing to (or asking) you to contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Who was the writer of Jude? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Jude wrote this letter. In the New Testament we do not see much about the brothers of Jesus. We read a few times about his mother. We remember that one day Jesus said this about His brothers and mother.

Matthew 12:50:

For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is My brother, and sister and mother.

We have seen that the brothers of Jesus did not believe in Him at first. But from the book of Jude we know that later Jude believed. He wanted the Christians to fight for the faith. This was the big subject of his letter.

Who was this Jude who wrote the letter of Jude? \_\_\_\_\_

9. He was the brother of Jesus and James. After Jesus died and rose again he had faith in Jesus. He began fighting for the true faith. He was with those waiting in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come.

Acts 1:14:

All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Which brother of Jesus later wrote a letter with the big subject: Fight for the faith?

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10. This was Jude. He had faith in Jesus. He believed He was the Son of God who takes away sin. He did not want the Christians to lose their faith. He did not want the faith to be defeated by Satan. Satan was sending false teachers among the Christians. Jude talked about this in his letter. There were false teachers in the church in those days.

Jude 1:4:

... ungodly persons who pervert (or turn) the grace of our God into licentiousness (or sin) and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

What did Jude want the Christians to do for the faith? 

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11. He wanted them to fight for it. They must refuse to listen to those who turned faith into sin. They must fight against the teaching that denied Jesus. The ungodly men were false teachers. Jude was warning the Christians about them.

Jude 1:8:

Yet in like manner these men in their dreamings defile (or spoil) the flesh.

Jude 1:10:

But these men revile (or speak evil of) whatever they do not understand.

Jude 1:16:

These are grumblers (or those who are never happy).

Do these sound like men who were fighting for the faith? 

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12. They do not. They sound like very sinful men. Jude reminded the Christians not to listen to them. He reminded them of what God did to the people of Israel. Even after He brought them out of Egypt, He destroyed those who did not believe. The angels who do not obey are kept in chains.

Jude 1:7:

just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise acted immorally and indulged in unnatural lust (or sins of the body), serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

Instead of going into sin as these did, what did Jude say they should do for the faith?

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13. They should fight for it. Remember how Jude began his letter

Jude 1:3:

Beloved, being very eager to write to you of our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

What is the big subject of Jude? \_\_\_\_\_

14. The big subject is: Fight for the faith. Fighting for the faith does not mean that we fight people. We do not fight with our hands or with spears or guns. Jude tells us what we can do.

Jude 1:20-23:

build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And convince some, who doubt; save some, by snatching them out of the fire.

When a Christian does these things, what is he doing for the faith?

15. He is fighting for the faith. Helping other people come to Christ is one way of fighting. Helping those who doubt to believe is also fighting. Jude has very helpful teachings about how to stand firm.

Who is the writer of Jude? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was he? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of Jude? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Jude was written by Jude, the brother of Jesus and James. The big subject is: Fight for the faith. The people of Jude's time were not the only ones who must fight. We must also fight for the faith today.

Mr. Ndlovu is pastor of a small church in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. There are other churches around him. Some of them come to people's homes and try to teach them. One group teaches that Jesus was a good man. But He was not God. Another group teaches that we can pray to Christians who have died and ask them to help us. Another group teaches that all we can do is try to be good. If we do good works, we will save the world. Another group teaches that we should ask our African ancestors to help us.

What are the main things Mr. Ndlovu should preach in order to fight for the faith?

17. Be ready to talk about this in class.

Who wrote the book of Jude? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was he? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of Jude? \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 8: 1, 2, 3 JOHN AND JUDE**  
**DAY 5: REVISION**

Today we will go over the work we have done in Weeks 7 and 8. These are the lessons from 2 Peter, 1, 2, 3 John and Jude. Try to answer every question. Then go back to the lessons and find the answers. If you missed any questions, read those lessons again. Write the correct answers over your wrong ones.

**Questions from Week 7.**

1. Who was the writer of 2 Peter? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who were the receivers of this letter? \_\_\_\_\_  
What was the writer's aim in 2 Peter? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. From 2 Peter write three ways to remain in the truth.  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was the writer of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_  
What other letters did he write? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
To whom did he write 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the big subject of 1 John? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the aim of this book? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Questions from Week 8.**

5. Walking in the light helps us know we have eternal life. From 1 John, what are three steps of walking in the light?  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Besides walking in the light, what are two more ways to know we have eternal life?  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who were the receivers of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the big subject of 2 John? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who was the receiver of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of 3 John? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Who wrote the book of Jude? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was he? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the big subject of Jude? \_\_\_\_\_

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When you know all these answers go back to pages 58 and 88. Hide the answers you have written. Try to answer every question.