

Lesson One: First John 1:1-4

1. John wrote of that which was from what? Which "we" have what? 1:1
2. "We" have done what with our eyes? Had they looked upon Him? 1:1
3. What had "our" hands done? What did John call this one? 1:1
4. The "life" was what? What did "we" see? 1:2
5. As the result of seeing, what two things did they do? The "life" was with whom? 1:2
6. What did "we" declare unto "you"? Why? 1:3
7. "Our" fellowship was with whom? 1:3
8. What did "we" write? To whom? Why? 1:4
9. **Thought Questions**
 - A. Please read John 1:1-18. We will mention it in class.
 - B. What is the meaning of "That which was from the beginning..."?
 - C. To whom does "...the Word of life" refer? To whom does "we" refer?
 - D. To whom does "you" refer? When was "...the life manifested..."?
 - E. What "...eternal life..." was with the Father? When?
 - F. List the proofs which "we" had concerning this "...eternal life..."?
 - G. Why had "we" declared (preached) this "...eternal life..." to them?
 - H. Define: Fellowship.
 - I. Explain how and when men have fellowship with God.
 - J. Explain how and when men have fellowship with other men.
 - K. How could the things "we" write cause their joy to be full?

Lesson Two: First John 1:5-10

1. What message had they heard and declared to them? 1:5
2. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, then what? 1:6
3. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, then what? 1:7
4. What about one who says he has no sin? 1:8
5. If we confess our sins, then what? 1:9
6. What do we do to God if we say we have not sinned? 1:10
7. Is God's word in such a person? 1:10
8. **Thought Questions**
 - A. To whom do "we" and "you" refer in 1:5?
 - B. To whom do "we," "our," "ourselves," and "us" refer in 1:6-10?
 - C. To what do "light" and "darkness" refer in 1:5-10?
 - D. When does a person have fellowship with God?
 - E. What is meant by walking in darkness?
 - F. What is meant by walking in the light?
 - G. What is the meaning of the word "walk" as used by John?
 - H. What fellowship is spoken of in 1:7?
 - I. How and when does the blood of Christ cleanse men from sin?
 - J. How can a man deceive himself? Did John write about a Christian or an alien sinner?
 - K. List the conditions which must be met for a Christian's sins to be forgiven.
 - L. What does "...God is light..." mean? What does "...in him is no darkness..." mean?
 - M. What lessons may we learn from 1:5-10?

Lesson Three: First John 2:1-6

1. What did John call them? Why did he write to them? 2:1
2. If any man sins, then what? Who is that advocate? 2:1
3. What else is He? For whose sins is He the propitiation? 2:2
4. How can we know that we know Him? 2:3
5. Who did John say is a liar? What is not in that one? 2:4
6. In whom is the love of God perfected? How do "we" know we are in Him? 2:5
7. If a person says he abides in Christ, how should he walk? 2:6
8. **Thought Questions**
 - A. Why did John write to them? Define: Sin.
 - B. What did John mean by "...that ye sin not"?
 - C. What is an advocate? Explain how Jesus is our advocate?
 - D. Define: Propitiation. Who is our propitiation?
 - E. Why do we need a propitiation? Jesus is the propitiation for whose sins?
 - F. What is meant by the second use of the word "know" in 2:3 and its use in 2:4?
 - G. From 2:1-6, find an expression equal to "...know him..." in 2:3.
 - H. When a person claims to know God, what is he claiming?
 - I. How can one know if a person knows God? Can a person falsely claim to know God?
 - J. Is the truth in a person who does not keep the commandments of God?
 - K. How can a person know that he is "...in him"?
 - L. What is meant by the love of God being perfected in one?
 - M. In 2:6, what do the words "abideth" and "walk" suggest to us?
 - N. How did Jesus walk (2:6)?

Lesson Four: First John 2:7-17

1. What did he write to them? What is the old commandment? 2:7
2. What did he write to them? What is past? What now shines? 2:8
3. Who is in darkness? 2:9. What is said of the one who loves his brother? 2:10
4. What is said of the one who hates his brother? 2:11
5. Why did John write to the little children? 2:12
6. List the three groups and tell why he wrote to them. 2:13
7. List the two groups to whom John wrote and tell why he wrote to them. 2:14
8. What were they not to love? What if a man loves the world? 2:15
9. What is in the world? 2:16
10. What passes away? Who abides for ever? 2:17
11. **Thought Questions**
 - A. To what does "...from the beginning..." refer?
 - B. What darkness was past? What light now shineth?
 - C. How can a commandment be "old" and "new" at the same time?
 - D. If one claimed to be in light and love his brother, how did John test that claim?
 - E. When does one "hate" his brother? When does one "love" his brother?
 - F. Who is the "...him that is from the beginning..."?
 - G. How did the young men overcome the wicked one? In what way were they strong?
 - H. When can it truly be said that "...the word of God abideth in you..."?
 - I. Find a NT example of one who loved his brother and one who hated his brother?
 - J. List the three lusts that are in the world and tell what they mean?
 - K. What will happen to the world and its lusts? Who abides for ever?

Lesson Five: First John 2:18-29

1. What time was it? What had come? How would they know it was the last time? 2:18
2. From whom did the antichrists go out? Why did they go out? 2:19
3. What did they have? From whom? What did they know? 2:20
4. Why had John written? 2:21. What is one who denies the Father and the Son? 2:22
5. Who does not have the Father? 2:23. How can one continue in the Father? 2:24
6. What had God promised? 2:25. John had written concerning whom? 2:26
7. What abode in them? What did they not need? What taught them? 2:27
8. What would cause them to have confidence at His coming? 2:28
9. What is He? Who is born of Him? 2:29

10. Thought Questions

- A. Was "...the last time..." in the future or were they in the last time?
- B. What is an "antichrist"? Distinguish between an "antichrist" and a "false Christ."
- C. Were these antichrists in the church? What is meant by their not being "...of us..."?
- D. What is the "unction" (2:20) and the "anointing" (2:27)? What does the truth not have?
- E. How did the unction cause them to know all things? What should we learn?
- F. Name some who deny that Jesus is the Christ? Do they have the Father?
- G. What had they heard from the beginning? What beginning?
- H. Find the verse which contains the promise to which John referred in 2:25?
- I. Define: Seduce. Who was seducing them? How?
- J. To what appearing does John refer in 2:28? What must one do to be born of Him?
- K. How could they know whether a man was teaching truth or teaching error?
- L. List some lessons we should learn from 2:18-29.

Lesson Six: First John 3:1-10

1. What has God bestowed upon "us"? What does the world not know? Why? 3:1
2. What were they? What did they not know? What did they know? Why? 3:2
3. What does one with hope do? 3:3 What does the one committing sin do? Why? 3:4
4. What did they know? What is not in Christ? 3:5
5. Who sinneth not? Who has not seen or known Him? 3:6
6. What should they not do? What is the one doing righteousness? 3:7
7. He that sinneth is of whom? What has the devil done? Why did Jesus come? 3:8
8. Who does not commit sin? Why? 3:9
9. How can one know the children of God and the children of the devil? 3:10

10. Thought Questions

- A. How do you know that God loves you?
- B. What does "knoweth" (3:1) mean? What does 3:2 mean?
- C. How does one purify himself? Define: sin.
- D. "He" in 3:5 refers to whom? What is the meaning of "abideth" in 3:6?
- E. What is the meaning of "sinneth" in 3:6? What does one have to do to be righteous?
- F. What is the meaning of "He that committeth sin..." (3:8)?
- G. Who is the one that is born of God? What is meant by "...doth not commit sin..."?
- H. What seed is mentioned in 3:9? When can it be said that the seed remains in one?
- I. Does "...he cannot sin..." mean that it is impossible for him to commit one sin?
- J. Does 3:9 teach that a child of God cannot fall from grace?
- K. How can one tell a child of God from a child of the devil?

Lesson Seven: First John 3:11-24

1. What had they heard from the beginning? 3:11. What did Cain do? Why? 3:12
2. If the world hated them, what were they not to do? 3:13.
3. How did they know they had passed from death unto life? 3:14
4. Who is a murderer? What did they know? 3:15.
5. How did they know the love of God? What should they do? 3:16
6. In whom does the love of God not dwell? 3:17. In what were they to love? 3:18
7. How could they know they were of the truth? 3:19,20
8. When did they have confidence before God? 3:21. Why did they receive of God? 3:22
9. What is His commandment? 3:23.
10. Who dwells in whom? When? How did they know He abode in them? 3:24

11. Thought Questions

- A. To what "beginning" did John refer in 3:11? What had they heard from the beginning?
- B. Find three Bible examples of love in action. Find three Bible examples of hate in action.
- C. Why would the world hate them?
- D. How could love be proof of passing from death unto life? (cf. I John 5:1-3)
- E. How can one know God loves him? How can a brother know you love him?
- F. To what does the word "heart" refer in 3:19-21? Whose prayer does God answer?
- G. What did it mean to believe on the name of Jesus Christ?
- H. How did God dwell in them and they in Him?
- I. In what sense had "...the Spirit..." been given to them?
- J. How did they know God abode in them?
- K. What can we learn from 3:11-24?

Lesson Eight: First John 4:1-6

1. What did John call them? What were they not to believe? 4:1
2. What were they to do? Why? What was in the world? 4:1
3. How could they know "...the Spirit of God..."? 4:2
4. How could they know the spirit that was not of God? 4:3
5. What is the "...spirit of antichrist..."? Was it already in the world? 4:3
6. They were "of" whom? Whom had they overcome? Why? 4:4
7. "They" are of what? They speak of what? What does the world do? 4:5
8. "We" are of whom? Who heareth "us"? Who does not hear "us"? 4:6
9. What did "we" know? How did "we" know that? 4:6

10. Thought Questions

- A. In 4:1, to what does "spirit" refer? What is meant by "...try the spirits..."?
- B. What is a false prophet? How could they know "...the Spirit of God..."?
- C. How could they know the spirit of antichrist? Were there many antichrists?
- D. What is the difference between an antichrist and a false Christ?
- E. Why would a person deny that Jesus Christ came in the flesh?
- F. What was the nature of Jesus Christ when He was upon the earth?
- G. Who were the people in the world? Who were the people of God?
- H. How had those "of God" overcome the antichrists? How was God in them?
- I. What does "...spirit of truth..." and "...spirit of error..." mean?
- J. Why did some accept the truth? Why did some refuse the truth?
- K. What should we learn from 4:1-6?

Lesson Nine: First John 4:7-21

1. Whom should they love? Why? 4:7,8
2. How did God manifest His love? 4:9,10
3. If God so loved us, then what? 4:11. Has any man seen God? 4:12.
4. If we love one another, then what? 4:12
5. Since God had given them of His Spirit, what could they know? 4:13
6. Why did God send His Son? 4:14. In whom does God dwell? 4:15,16
7. What would give them boldness in the judgment? 4:17
8. What does love not have? Why? 4:18. Why do "we" love Him? 4:19
9. Who is a liar? 4:20. What commandment did they have from God? 4:21

10. Thought Questions

- A. What is the main subject discussed in 4:7-21?
- B. How is love made known? How did God make known His love for us?
- C. From 4:7-21, list the things a Christian will not do.
- D. Why are men able to love? How do men make known their love for God?
- E. Does 4:7 teach that men do not have to be baptized to be born again?
- F. Define: Propitiation. Who is the propitiation for our sins?
- G. What should God's love for us cause us to do?
- H. In what sense had God given them "...of his Spirit"?
- I. What condition of salvation is mentioned in 4:15?
- J. When is our love made perfect? What does "...God is love..." mean?
- K. What is the meaning of "...only begotten Son..."?

Lesson Ten: First John 5:1-12

1. Who is born of God? The child of God loves whom? 5:1
2. How did they know they loved the children of God? 5:2
3. What is the love of God? God's commandments are not what? 5:3
4. What overcomes the world? What is said about "...our faith"? 5:4
5. Who overcomes the world? 5:5. Jesus came by what? What did the Spirit do? 5:6
6. Who bears record in heaven? 5:7. Who bears record in earth? 5:8
7. Is man's witness greater than God's? Of whom had God testified? 5:9
8. Who had the witness in himself? Who made God a liar? Why? 5:10
9. What has God given? Where is it? 5:11. Who has life? 5:12

10. Thought Questions

- A. What condition of salvation is mentioned in 5:1?
- B. How can a Christian know he loves his brethren? What is the love of God?
- C. What did John mean when he said that God's commandments are not grievous?
- D. When one overcomes the world, what does he overcome?
- E. NOTE: There is a textual problem in 5:6-8 which we will discuss in class.
- F. How can the witness of God be greater than the witness of men?
- G. What did John mean when he said, "...the Spirit is truth"?
- H. How does a person who does not believe the word of God make God a liar?
- I. What did God give us? Where is it? How does one get there?
- J. Can one have eternal life without having the Son?
- K. Is it possible to overcome the world and all of its lusts?

Lesson Eleven: First John 5:13-21

1. To whom did John write? Why did he write to them? 5:13
2. What confidence did they have? 5:14
3. If they knew God heard them, then what? 5:15
4. What should one do if he sees his brother sin a sin not unto death? 5:16
5. For what should one not pray? 5:16
6. All unrighteousness is what? Is there a sin not unto death? 5:17
7. Who sinneth not? What does the one born of God do? With what result? 5:18
8. What did "we" know? 5:19
9. What else did "we" know? What is this? 5:20
10. What did John call them? From what were they to keep themselves? 5:21
11. **Thought Questions**
 - A. What does it mean to "...believe on the name of the Son of God"?
 - B. All prayer must be according to what?
 - C. Define: Sin. Define: Death as used in 5:16,17.
 - D. What is a sin unto death? What is a sin not unto death?
 - E. How can one give spiritual life unto another person?
 - F. How does one "keep himself" so that the wicked one will not touch him?
 - G. To what coming of the Son of God did John refer in 5:20?
 - H. How could they keep themselves from idols? Why keep themselves from idols?
 - I. From 5:13-21, what assurances did John want them to have before God?
 - J. What lessons should we learn from the book of First John?