

A Study of the General Epistles **(NT Survey Lesson 208--1 John 3)**

Introduction: In chapter three John continues to explore the theme of how we may know we have eternal life (5:12). John emphasizes the need to "abide in Jesus" by following His example of righteousness (2:28-3:10) and His example of love (3:10-24). John shows that these are the appropriate responses of the child of God just as they were of the Son of God.

Lesson aim: To teach what it means to abide in Christ.

Abide in Christ (Practice righteousness)--1 Jn. 2:28-3:10

1. With what command does John begin this paragraph? (2:28) If we do so, what will our response be at His coming?
2. A man who practices righteousness is what? (2:29)
3. What has God bestowed upon Christians? (3:1) How? If the world did not know God's Son, will it know God's other children?
4. What hope do God's children have? (v. 3) What does this cause the child of God to do?
5. Sin is _____.
6. What was Christ's relation to sin? (v. 5) Those who abide in Christ have what relation to sin? (v. 6)
7. What does John say about the man who practices righteousness? The man who sins?
8. How then can you tell the child of God from the child of the devil?

Abide in Christ (Love your brethren)--1 Jn. 3:10-24

1. What message did John say the Christians had heard from the beginning?

2. Who did John give as an example of one who did not love his brother? Why did he not love him? Is this the reason why the world hates the child of God?
3. What is proven by the fact that we love our brethren? (v. 14) That we do not love our brethren? (v. 15)
4. How may we know what love is? (v. 16) How might we show that love to our brethren? (v. 17)
5. What does it mean to love in "word or tongue"?
6. What will loving our brethren enable us to know? (v. 19)
7. What confidence can we have if we love our brethren and do the things pleasing in His sight? (v. 22)
8. What two commands does John call "His commandment"? (v. 23)
9. Those who keep his commands do what?
10. How can we know we are abiding in Him? (v. 24)