

STUDY #9 1 John 3:23-4:6

➤ **John's Purpose Statement**

1 John 5:13

¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

➤ **Review**

1 John 3:22

²²and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

➤ **Observation Questions**

Read the following verses and answer the questions

1 John 3:23

²³This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

1. What are the commandments that are described here?

According to the following verses how might a person show love to another?

John 13:34

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 15:12-15

¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

1 Thessalonians 4:9

⁹ Now as to the ^(A)love of the brethren, you ^(B)have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are ^(C)taught by God to love one another;

Galatians 5:13-15

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do* not *turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Matthew 5:44

⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Matthew 7:12

¹² "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Hebrews 3:13

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:9

Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

Romans 14:13

Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

Romans 15:5

Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus

1 John 3:24

The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

2. How do we know that we are abiding in God?

3. How do we know that God is abiding in us?

Read the following verses and create a list for yourself of how the Holy Spirit works in the lives of believers.

Luke 12:12

For the holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say.”

Acts 9:31

The Church at Peace. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Romans 8:27

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God’s will.

Romans 9:1

Paul’s Love for Israel. I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the holy Spirit in bearing me witness

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit;

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit.

1 John 3:21

²¹ Beloved, if [our] hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God

Acts 9:31

³¹ So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

John 14: 15-16

The Advocate. ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.^(A) ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate^[a] to be with you always,^(B) ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth,^[b] which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.^(C)

1 Corinthians 3:16

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Philippians 2:1

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

Read the following passage and answer the questions.

1 John 4:1-6

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. ⁴You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak *as* from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

4. According to 1 John 4:1 which spirits should we believe?

5. How can we know if what we are encountering is from the Spirit of God or not?

6. What encouraging words, phrases, or terms of endearment does John use in this passage to encourage his fellow believers?

7. As you look back over this passage discuss the contrast that you find among the verses.

➤ **Teaching Notes**

The Commands:

The Holy Spirit:

Satan and his spirits:

➤ **Application Questions:**

How do you live out “**love one another**”?

Have you learned about something or have you been reminded of something today that helps you know that you have eternal life?

What are you doing or want to start doing to know the Bible better so you can recognize false teaching?

--read the Word?

-memorize the Word?

-listen to the Word?

-go to the Word for help?