



### **SELF STUDY: The Anointing on Your Life**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: I JOHN 2:18-24

**MAIN IDEA:** The anointed ones in Christ have the truth as a defense against the antichrist.

John is challenging the church about what it truly believes. The church is built upon the confession of faith that Peter made when Jesus asked the question, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16) Peter responded by saying, "You are the Christ, the son of the Living God." It was Peter's statement of faith of which Jesus said, "I will build my church."

The church is a place where people have a common faith. It is a place where people gather together because they believe and have a faith that Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God.

John has been putting emphasis and helping the church establish its truth:

1. John says it's important to have \_\_\_\_\_, 1:3  
Interaction, communion, and time with Jesus, so as not to walk in darkness.
2. John says believers should \_\_\_\_\_ God because they know His commandments and keep them, 2:4

John's purpose in writing this scripture is to warn the church against the antichrist.

### **LESSON IDEAS**

Read I John 2:18-24

John calls the church, "Children," as a way of expressing his heartfelt concern. His concern is, "it is the last hour." The last hour is the time when the ungodly false teachers were increasing trying to influence the church against Christ. Last hour is a crisis time, where the Christian needs to be on high alert.

#### **(I) Beware of the Spirit of the antichrist, vs. 18**

- A. The antichrist is a person who will physically walk the earth and oppose Jesus. Since Jesus was real and walked the earth, the antichrist will as well. The antichrist will:
  1. Oppose the Lordship of Christ
  2. Deny the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus
  3. Deny that Jesus' life was perfect and righteousThe antichrist will deny Jesus totally!



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- B. The “many antichrists,” are the people who left the church, vs. 18
1. They were people who were in the church, who left the church. Which means they were not saved and true disciples in the first place.
  2. In vs. 19 John says, “they went out from us.” A true disciple and follower of Jesus will not leave the Lord’s church.

### True Disciples:

- a. Love Jesus Christ
- b. Adhere to His Word
- c. Know the Word
- d. Live the Word
- e. Serve people
- f. Are led by the Spirit
- g. Walk in Faith
- h. Worship together with other believers

Therefore, many antichrists are spirits of the devil that oppose Jesus’ righteousness and truth.

The antichrist’s spirit is running rapid in our society:

1. Television shows that promote homosexuality
2. Curriculums that teach evolution in schools
3. People who say they are saved but refuse to attend church

Write where you think the antichrist spirit exist:

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### (II) Realize You are Anointed, vs. 20

John tells the church, “you are anointed.”

- A. You have an anointing from the Holy One
1. You are saved
  2. You are separated out from others to live for Jesus
  3. The Holy Spirit has sealed you
  4. You understand and embrace the truth about Jesus
  5. You are led by the Holy Spirit



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### B. You Know the Truth

1. You will know the truth because the Spirit will teach you
2. You will be Influenced by the Holy Spirit
3. You have an unction for the truth found in scripture

False teachers want the church to be deceived about truth. They advocate for absurdity and relativism vs. absolute truth.

### (III) Live in the Truth, vs. 21-22

#### A. Anyone who denies Jesus Christ as Lord is a liar.

Society wants you to believe that all roads lead to God. However, Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes unto the Father but through me."

#### B. Anyone who denies the deity of the Father and the Son are of the antichrist. John 10:31 clearly says that "Jesus and the Father are one."

Live in the truth, for Jesus has already given you the victory over Satan. And you are anointed against believing Satan's lies and deceptions.



### **BIBLE STUDY 3**

#### **CHAPTER 3: BETTER PRACTICES**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON: I JOHN 3:4-10**

**MAIN IDEA:** A believer's love for God should lead to better lifestyle practices.

Read I John 3:1

There is only one reason why a believer should not continue to practice sin. Sin is that separation from God. If a believer knows they have sin, the love of God should be a deterrent to the practice of sin. The practice of sin means to sin continually and repeatedly. A true believer is to sin less, not sin over and over (I John 1:8-10). My old baseball coach had a saying, "You play like you practice." The translation for believers in Jesus is that the continual sinful activity will result in your life outcomes. Therefore, if you want a better life, practice purified, sanctified living.

God the Father has bestowed upon his children a great love (John 3:16). Believers are children of God that know God because they are born of God through faith in Jesus Christ. When one knows God, he or she lives in obedience to the Father and does not practice sinful behavior.

The world does not understand Christian believers who have faith in Jesus. The world ridicules, ignores, and rejects Christian faith and practices. However, I John 3:1-2, believers know who they are (vs. 1), and they know what they shall be (vs. 2). The reason believers should not sin, is because they are sinning against love, the love of the Father.

### **LESSON IDEAS**

Read I John 3:4-10

#### **(I) A Description of God's Children**

A. Desires to be pure, vs. 3. John says a "fixed love" on God purifies the believer, because God is pure. In other words, God wants people like Him, people that want purity, holiness, and righteousness in their life. Purified living means there is fellowship with God. It's the reason Jesus saved us, so that we could be just like Him, living a Godly life.

Read Matthew 5:8, James 4:8, and I Peter 1:16

B. Desires not to sin, vs. 4. "Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness."



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What is the practice of sin resulting in lawlessness?

1. Consciously choosing not to obey God, possessing a “my way” attitude.
2. Consciously living according to one’s own beat and drum and not consulting God.
3. Disbelieving the Word of God and its promises and truth.
4. Rejecting God and denying the power of God by not confessing one’s sin and not confessing God.

Read Romans 3:23, we all fall short because of sin and fall short of God’s glory. Living in God’s glory.

What is Sin?

1. Romans 14:23 - Whatever is not of faith
2. James 4:17 – To know the right thing to do and not do it
3. I John 5:17 – All unrighteousness is sin

When one asserts their will to do a behavior that is against God’s will, that is sin. It is rebellion against God. Rebellion is the root of sin.

**EXAMPLE:** Do you remember when you were children and your parents asked you to stop doing something, talking back, playing around the house, or picking at your sibling? You stopped on the outside, but on the inside, you were still, i.e., talking back. That is lawlessness and rebellion. We may constrain what we do physically, but inside there is still the attitude or the essence of sin.

### (II) Desires Deliverance, vs. 5

A. Jesus came to take away sin, John 1:29, 2 Cor. 5:21

B. The proof of Deliverance (vs. 6) is abiding

Read John 15:1-5

Abiding is simply having fellowship with Jesus. It is not wanting to do anything apart from the direction of Jesus and His spirit.

Read Proverbs 16:3 – If you want your plans established, turn them over to the Lord.

If we abide in Christ we do not continue to sin, it is not a part of a believer’s lifestyle.

### Abiding Checklist

- \_\_\_ Fully accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour
- \_\_\_ Truly seeking to know God
- \_\_\_ Ceased doing worldly activities



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- \_\_\_ Consciously seeking to do the will of God
- \_\_\_ Consciously seeking to use your spiritual gifts in service
- \_\_\_ Desiring to please Him

C. Practices righteousness, vs. 7  
Read Philippians 1:11

### Righteousness Checklist:

- \_\_\_ Treat others right
- \_\_\_ Extending a hand reaching out and helping people
- \_\_\_ Standing up for what is right
- \_\_\_ Sacrificing the flesh to live according to the Spirit

### (III) Desires Not to Be Influenced by Satan, vs. 8-10

A. Practicing sin is of the devil

The names of Satan: Adversary, Enemy, Accuser, Abaddon, the prince of the world, the dragon, thief, and whatever name you come up with that informs you it opposes Christ. Christ has no sin, I John 3:5. But the devil seeks to do sin.

**QUESTION:** Where did Satan originate? Isaiah 14:9-17, Ezekiel 28:12-14

- Satan is not eternal. He is a created being. He was not created sinful. He is not all-powerful and all-knowing.
- Satan is a rebel
- Satan is a destroyer
- Satan desires to enslave you with the habits of sin.
- Satan works to separate you from God

B. Believers have the seed of God, vs. 9

Because believers are born of God, they do not practice sin  
Because God's seed is in him, a believer does not practice sin

**QUESTION:** What does the seed of God do?

1. Has a new standing in Christ = justification
2. Has a new position = sanctification (set apart)
3. Has a new birth = regeneration (God's nature, 2 Peter 1:4)



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**QUESTION:** What is spiritual exercise for the believer?

1. Sharing Christ with other people
2. Doing good deeds and works
3. Using one's spiritual gift for the good of the church
4. Thinking of spiritual things