

THE STUDY OF II JOHN

This study is designed to encourage you to begin to develop a solid foundation for the book or epistle you are studying. In each study you will find a brief background on the book or letter, general themes found in the book, a list of key words found within the chapter and a set of questions can be answered directly from the verse provided at the end of the question.

Please plan to read the book or letter in its entirety first then begin the study. You will need a pen, a note pad, and your Bible. Once you've read through the entire book go back to the beginning and read the first chapter. Circle key words in that chapter. Compare your key words with the key words listed in the study. Now read the chapter again, and mark in your margin, key points. Jot down key points on your own note pad.

Answer the questions for chapter one. You will find the answer in the verse provided at the end of the question. When you have finished the questions, retitle the chapter. The names and subtitles are not divinely inspired but placed there to give clarity. This exercise will help you develop in your own mind, the important aspects of each chapter. Proceed in this fashion until you finish the course of study. You will find that when the study is repeated you will glean new and fresh revelation each time. Before you begin however, begin in prayer asking the Lord to give you revelation and understanding.

1. Read the entire book or epistle in one day if possible.
2. Next, read the 1st chapter marking all key words.
3. Compare your key words with those listed in the study.
4. Make a note in the margin of the key points in each chapter
5. Jot down the key points on your own note pad.

6. Read the chapter again.

7. Answer the questions for each chapter and retite the chapter.

When you complete the study you should have a solid foundational understanding of what the author was conveying through the power of the Holy Spirit. Small group studies or Sunday school classes will find it extremely helpful to allow for open discussion after each chapter. Plan on covering one half a chapter per week if you do have discussion. If you are not in a small group or Adult Bible Fellowship, then you may want to encourage a friend to join you in your study. Now lets begin.

Background

This epistle was written by John the apostle. He refers to himself as the "the presbyter" or "the elder". The letter is addressed to the lady and her children which could symbolically refer to the congregation. It was possibly addressed this way to protect the letter from enemies who might want to take it into their possession.

Theme

There were false teachers from the Gnostic heresy that were going from congregation to congregation to deny that the Son of God had really been incarnate. John addresses the heresy for what it was.

Chapter 1

1. Who is the letter addressed to? Vs 1

2. John writes that he loved these believers in _____, and not only him, also _____ who know the _____. Vs 1

3. He writes for the sake of the _____ which abides in _____ and will be with _____ forever. Vs 2

4. He blesses with _____, _____ and _____ in _____ and in _____ in his salutation. Vs 3
5. He found some of her children walking in _____, just as we had been _____ to walk. Vs 4
6. What was the command he reminded them to do? to _____ one another Vs 5
7. The _____ we walk in, we walk according to His _____, just as they had heard from the _____, that you should _____ in it. Vs 6
8. Many _____ had gone out into the world, those who did not acknowledge that Jesus Christ came in the _____. Vs 7
9. This is the _____ and the _____. Vs 7
10. John warned to _____ yourselves, so that you might not lose what we have _____, that you might receive a full _____. Vs 8
11. Those who go too _____ and do not abide in the _____ of Christ, does not have _____. Vs 9
12. The ones who abides in the teachings of Christ has both the _____ and the _____. Vs 9
13. If anyone comes and does not bring this teaching, do not receive them into your _____. Vs 10

14. If anyone comes and does not bring the teaching of Christ, do not even give him _____.
15. The one who gives him a _____ participates in his evil _____ . Vs 11
16. John would come and meet them face to face so that their _____ may be made full. Vs 12
17. The children of your _____ sister greet you. Vs 13

Key Points

John warned the believers that false prophets were going around trying to confuse and deceive. They did not acknowledge Jesus Christ and were claiming that Christ did not come in the flesh. John attributed such work as work of the deceiver and the antichrist. He warns believers to hold on to what they know and to not even allow such false prophets into their home or even greet them. In doing so, one would be participating in their sin. He encourages believers to walk in love, to abide in truth and to be watchful so they would not lose their full reward.

Key Words

Truth

False Prophets

Antichrist

Teachings of Christ

Participate in evil deeds

Children of your chosen sister

