

ABIDE

First Epistle of John

WEEK SIX

"THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE"

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 2:24-29.
2. What is the promise God has made to us? Why do you think he mentions this promise directly after the verses that discuss the Antichrist?
3. According to verse twenty seven, what abides in us and teaches us? What do you think this verse means?
4. How many times are we told to "abide" in this passage? Why do you think it is repeated so many times?
5. What will abiding in Christ help us avoid when He returns?
6. What will those who are born of God do?
7. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

~ John 3:36

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 2:24-29 .
2. What does Ecclesiastes 3:11 say is set in our hearts and who put this notion there?
3. From the beginning of time, every culture and people group has grappled with the idea of eternity. Read Acts 17:24-27. Why do you think God placed this idea of eternity in our hearts?
4. Peoples' ideas about the afterlife abound, and often these ideas are rooted in speculation, random hopes, or invented beliefs. Many are deceived about the reality of eternity and the eternal destination of their soul. They serve a "god" of their own design instead of the God who created them and offers them eternal life. What ideas have you heard from people about what happens after you die?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 2:24-29 .
 2. In 1 John 2:26 John says he writes concerning or because of what people?
 3. Without Scripture it would be easy to be led astray into a false belief about eternity. However, the Bible is clear on how we can attain eternal life. How do John 5:24 & 6:47, Romans 6:23, and 1 John 5:11 say we gain eternal life?
 4. What do John 3:18 & 36 say of those who do not believe in Christ for eternal life?
 5. How are the eternal destinies of the believer (sheep) and unbeliever (goat) contrasted in Matthew 25:31-34, 41-46? What does the believer inherit? What does the unbeliever inherit?
 6. It is important to note that every single soul has an eternal destiny. Notice there are two destinations; there is no middle ground in between. Our refusal to acknowledge it, or our invention of an alternate ending doesn't make it any less true. What urgency does this give you in regard to those who do not yet know Christ?
 7. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 2:24-29 .
2. Because we live in such a temporary, transient world, the idea of eternity is difficult to grasp. It is sobering to realize that the decision you make about Christ here and now will impact you forever. Who, according to Ephesians 1:13-14, was given to us as a "seal" that we might have full assurance we are God's? What is He a pledge of?
3. What additional assurances do John 6:39-40 and 10:27-29 give us that we will not be lost once we are saved? How long, according to Psalm 37:18, does this inheritance last?
4. How does 1 Peter 1:3-5 describe the inheritance we will receive?
5. Once we are saved we immediately possess eternal life however, it is a promise and a guarantee that we will not see until we pass from this life to the next. How does Romans 8:23-25 instruct us to wait for it?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 2:24-29.
2. In comparison with eternity, our life here on earth is incredibly short. John urges us to abide in Christ so that we will not shrink in shame from Him when He returns. What would cause someone to be ashamed at Christ's return?
3. Read Matthew 24:42-51 & 25:13-30. How do these verses command us to live?
4. What does it look like to live "on the alert" or "ready" for Christ to return? Do you feel you live ready for Christ's return? Why or why not?
5. What does 1 John 2:29 say we should do and how would doing so prepare you to meet Christ at any time?
6. We have cause to shrink away in shame when we feel guilt or inadequacy. If you knew Jesus would return tomorrow is there anything about your life that seems "unprepared" to meet Him or anything that would cause you shame? What can you do to remedy this so you live ready and on the alert?
7. Write out this week's memory verse below: