

“The Believer and the World”

1st John 2:12-17 Study Guide

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Background and Theme

Author: The Apostle John

Date Written: 90-92 AD

Audience: The global church close to the turn of the first century who was growing, persecuted, and learning to live for Jesus.

Theme of 1st John: Walking in the Light

I. Position in Christ

1. Forgiveness of Sin
2. Knowing the Father
3. Overcoming and Standing Strong
4. Possessing the Word of God

II. Position in the World

1. Lust of the Flesh
2. Lust of the Eyes
3. Pride of Life

Verses Referenced: Psalm 1:1-3, Ephesians 6:12, Matthew 6:24

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. John speaks to all believers in every stage of life, about the blessings of a relationship with Jesus. How do these blessings encourage your daily life living for Jesus?
2. Regarding the blessings a believer lives in, how can you actively share them with, and encourage other believers to live in light of them as well?
3. Regarding the three things in the world that John warns the believer about (lust of flesh, lust of eyes, pride of life). How can you practically guard your heart and mind against these things?
4. What examples in the word of God do you have of followers of the Lord falling into these pitfalls of the world? *Think of and discuss examples.*
5. What examples in the word of God do you have of followers of the Lord resisting the pitfalls of the world? *Think of and discuss examples.*

This week, re-read 1st John 2:12-17 and pray through the truths you find while reading. Find someone to discuss these chapters with, and share the word with someone you don't know as well.

Notes:

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