

STUDY QUESTIONS CONT'D

9. What is the difference between love and lust?
10. How can you reflect the light of Jesus Christ to those around you?

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word “gospel” means “good news.” The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God’s presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God’s perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do, because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn’t end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at www.gbcmilescity.com.



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SERMON NOTES

The Test of Obedience 1 John 1:5-2:6

God is light-John 1:4 “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” And Satan is the prince of darkness-Luke 22:53 “...and the power of darkness.” Eph.2:2, “In which you once walked according to the prince of the power of the air. The spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.”

John points out that it is possible for people to say they are in the light, yet actually live in darkness.

Note 4 lies here:

- 1) lying about fellowship-vs. 1:6-7
- 2) lying about our nature, saying that we have no sin-1:8
- 3) lying about our deeds, saying that we have not sinned-1:10
- 4) lying about our obedience-2:4-6

The Test of Love — (2:7-11)

1. The new commandment-(vv. 7-11)
John 13:34, “A new Commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” Lev. 19:18 - “But you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

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Luke 10:29, “And who is my neighbor?”

Luke 10:30-35 Story of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:36 Which of these 3 do you think was the neighbor?

The answer: The one who showed mercy”

Jesus said, “Go and do likewise”

2. The New Family - vs. 12-14

Like a loving father, John calls the saints “little children” all of God’s children have been forgiven. But we ought to grow in the Lord, becoming strong your men and women in the faith and ultimately spiritual “fathers and mothers.” In Christ Jesus.

3. The new danger—vv. 15-17

God created the world but a lot of the things that are in the world are the results of sin

--“the lust of the world”

--“the lust of the flesh”

--“the lust of the eyes”

2:17, “And the world is passing away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does light and darkness represent in 1John?

2. What are the four lies listed in the notes? How do we avoid them?

3. Why is it important to love one another?

4. Who is your neighbor?

5. Who are God’s children today?

6. What is referred to as the lust of the world?

7. What is the lust of the flesh?

8. What is the lust of the eyes?

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