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We are coming to the end of our New Testament study. The last four letters or books of the Bible were written by John. One of Jesus’ chosen apostles, John was with Jesus and wanted to remove any doubts about Him and who He was! John continues that if we love God we will keep His commandments and imitate His Son Jesus. (Remember if you read something more than once it must be important!)

The last book we have kept recorded in the Scriptures is Revelation. Sometimes this book is extremely difficult to understand but there is one thing we can understand for sure! God is the Greatest and no one else, either on earth or in heaven, is or ever will be greater! We can be confident in that fact! Because of that confidence, when we are serving God like He asks us to do, we can overcome Satan and all of the bad things he tries to throw our way! God will always be the winner! NO MATTER WHAT!!!

\*There will only be 13 lessons for this quarter, one for each week!

Memory Verses Summer 2013

I John 1:5 “This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all.”

I John 2:5 “But whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has been perfected: By this we know that we are in Him:”

I John 3:11 “For this is the message which you have heard from the begging, that we should love one another;”

I John 4:19 “We love, because He first loved us.”

I John 5:2 “By this we know that love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.”

Revelation 17:14 “These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is the Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.”

Lesson 1 I John 1

As you read the book of I John, think about these questions- Is Jesus really God? Did He come to save sinners? Does He really care for me?

1. “This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and in Him there is no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” 1:5
2. If we think we are walking in the light but are not doing the things that God wants us to do, what does John say we are doing in verse 6? Circle one. **we lie and do not practice the truth / we have fun doing the things we want to do**
3. **T/F** If we walk in the Light, “the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.” 1:7
4. **Draw a line to match each statement**.

If we say we have no sins… …Jesus will forgive us our sins. v. 9

If we confess our sins… …we make Jesus a liar and His word is not in us. v. 10

If we say we have not sinned… …the truth is not in us. v. 8

Lesson 2 I John 2

John tells us that we are going to have to choose between loving the world and loving God. If we are going to be part of the world, we CANNOT be part of God!

1. “Now by this we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him, if we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His commandments.” 2:3
2. What does John say about the people who love the world? 2:15 Circle one. **they overcome the evil one / the love of the Father is not in them**
3. Each of the following is something that you can do. These actions tell whether you love the world (W) or if you love God (G). Put a ‘**W**’ next to the actions of those who love the world and a ‘**G**’ next to the actions of those who love God.

\_\_\_\_\_ stealing candy

\_\_\_\_\_ taking food to sick people

\_\_\_\_\_ being jealous

\_\_\_\_\_ singing songs of praise

\_\_\_\_\_ helping older people

\_\_\_\_\_ going fishing instead of going to church

\_\_\_\_\_ calling friends mean names

\_\_\_\_\_ sticking up for your friends

Can you think of any more actions that might fit in these categories?

Lesson 3 I John 3

God is Love and those who believe in Him must practice love towards one another and always try to do good works!

1. “See how great a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Father has bestowed (or given) us, that we should be called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.” 3:1
2. John says that if we **do/do not** love our brother, then we are children of the devil. 3:10 Circle one.
3. How should we love one another? 3:17-18 Circle one. **with word or tongue / in deed and truth**
4. **Y/N** Can we have confidence before God that we will receive what we ask of Him if it is His will? 3:22
5. Verse 23 gives us two commandments. What are they?
6. What happens when we keep His commandments? 3:24 Circle one. **we abide in Him and He abides in us / we do bad things**

Lesson 4 I John 4

There are going to be people we know who SAY they believe in God but do not keep His commandments. We have to make sure that we belong to God and that our friends do, too. So how do we know that we belong to God?

1. If we belong to God, we are going to listen to the words of **God / the world**. 4:5-6 Circle one.
2. “Beloved, let us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one another, for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is from God; and everyone who\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is born of God and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.” 4:7
3. If God loved us, what should we do? 4:11 Circle one. **hate our brothers and sisters / love our brothers and sisters**
4. “God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in love abides in God, and God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in him.” 4:16b
5. **T/F** “And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should hate his brother, also.” 4:21

**\*Bonus\*** Can we hate our brother or sister if we love God?

**Sing** God is Love

Lesson 5 I John 5

John says in verse 2 of chapter 5 this phrase, “By this we know…” and in verse 14 that we can have “confidence”. What kinds of things can we know and have confidence in? Let us find out in this last chapter of I John.

1. “By this we know that we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the children of God, when we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His commandments.” 5:2
2. What do we know about God’s commandment from verse 3? Circle one. **they are too hard to follow / they are not burdensome**
3. **Y/N** “Who is the one that overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” 5:5 See also verse 4.
4. Why did John write these things? 5:13 Circle one. **so that you know that you have eternal life / so that you know God is not coming back**.
5. **Y/N** Did you know that God will hear us when we ask/pray for things according to His will?

Sing Faith is the Victory

Lesson 6 II John

The book of II John is the shortest of these three short books written by John. He is continuing the thoughts he began in I John, that we keep His commandments and that we love one another. Remember if something is repeated – it must be important!

1. Why was John glad? John heard that some of the “chosen lady’s children” **played well together / walked in truth**. Verse 4 Circle one.
2. **Y/N** Was John giving them a new commandment to love one another? Verse 5
3. How do we show love? Verse 6 Circle one. **walk according to His commandments / do what we want to do**
4. **Y/N** Will there be people who try to get us to do things that God does not want us to do? verse 7-8
5. John made this letter short because he really wanted to do what? Verse 12 **he wanted to go to bed / he wanted to speak to them face to face**

Lesson 7 III John

Do you know what it means to be a good example? Do you know someone who is a bad example? (I hope it’s not you!) John is going to give us examples of both kinds of examples so that we can learn from them.

1. How many times did John say that either something was “in truth” or that someone was “walking in truth’ in the first four verses? Circle one. **one / three**
2. How had Gaius been acting, especially towards strangers? Verse 5 circle one. **faithfully / unfaithfully**
3. What was Diotrephes’ attitude? Verse 9 Circle one. **he loves to be first / he lets others go before him**
4. **T/F** Diotrephes was wicked towards people in the church. Verse 10
5. We should imitate **evil / good**. Verse 11 Circle one.
6. John made this letter short because he wanted **to see them face to face / to play outside**. Verse 13-14 Circle one.

Lesson 8 Review

Lesson 8 Revelation 1 pg 1

The first chapter of Revelation “reveals” a lot about what we will read in the book that follows. It is kind of like having a book report at the beginning. Let us see what we CAN learn from this difficult book to understand.

1. First, let us start with something easy. Who wrote the book of Revelation? 1:1 and 1:4 ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where was John when he wrote this book? 1:9 Circle one. **the island of Patmos / an island in the Caribbean**
3. Who was John writing to? 1:4 and 1:11 Circle one. **friends / the seven churches in Asia**
4. Who gave this revelation to John? 1:1 and 1:5 Circle one. **Jesus / Paul**
5. What does John say about the one “who reads and hears the words of the prophecy and heeds the things that are written in it?” 1:3 Circle one. **they are blessed / they are wicked**

Lesson 8 Revelation 1 pg 2

1. Do you know what “revelation” means? (there is a hint in the introduction)
2. What does it reveal about God? 1:8
3. What three things is John supposed to write about in this book? 1:19
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lesson 9 Revelation 2-3 pg 1

John gives messages to the seven churches in Asia. What did he say to them? Can we learn anything from what John told them?

1. To the church in Ephesus, John reminds them to return to their “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” 2:4
2. To the church in Smyrna, John encourages them not to be afraid because they are about to “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

2:10

1. To the church in Pergamum, John said some have been putting a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in the way of people. 2:14
2. To the church in Thyatira, John wrote, “I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your deeds and your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and that your deeds of late are greater than at the first.” 2:19

Lesson 9 Revelation 2-3 pg 2

1. To the church in Sardis, John tells them to remember “what you have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” 3:3
2. To the church in Philadelphia, John tells them to “hold fast to what you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so that no one will take your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” 3:11
3. To the church in Laodicea, John wants the people there to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not lukewarm. 3:15
4. What word is used in 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12 and 3:21 to encourage us all? Circle one. **overcomes / dies**

Lesson 10 Revelation 4-5 pg 1

Let’s remember that the message of Revelation is that God is the Greatest and that no being, either in the earth or in heaven, is or will be greater! Because we keep God’s commandments, we know that we can OVERCOME Satan and all the things he tries to throw our way!

The seven churches in Asia that John was writing to were suffering hard times or persecution. We don’t really know what kind of persecution it was, but we do know that John was trying to encourage them. He wanted them to know, no matter what, that God the Creator and Jesus our Savior were going to have the victory in the end!

1. Chapter 4 describes the scene in heaven that John sees. These are the things that must take place. Can you list or draw the things that John saw? Use the space below.

Lesson 10 Revelation 4-5 pg 2

1. The last part of 4:6 starts describing the creatures that were there. Can you describe them?
2. 1st creature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. 2nd creature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. 3rd creature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. 4th creature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. What do they all have? 4:8
7. What are they all doing? 4:9
8. In chapter 5, John sees the elders, many more creatures and others. What are they doing in verses 11-14?
9. Do you recognize this song? Can you sing it?

Lesson 11 Revelation 6-19 pg 1

In Revelation 6-19 we read of the battles between the powers of Light (God, His Son, and all of the heavenly beings) and the powers of darkness (Satan and his armies.) The early Christians who read this letter from John were in a battle against Satan. They were fighting against people who were trying to hurt them and telling them that Jesus was nothing special.

Today we are still fighting against Satan! Every day Satan is trying to get us to do things that would not make God happy by not keeping His commandments and not loving others. But let us remember that John is writing this letter to us also so that we can know that WE CAN OVERCOME the things Satan is throwing our way! Why? Because we have Jesus fighting for us on our side!

1. “These will wage war against the Lamb and the Lamb will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them, because He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and those who are with Him are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” 17:14
2. Who do you think the Lamb is that is mentioned in 17:14? Circle one. **Jesus / animals in the pasture**

Lesson 11 Revelation 6-19 pg 2

1. Why does the multitude in heaven say “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God…”? 19:2 “…because His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;”
2. In 19:11 John saw heaven open and a white horse. The horse’s rider had an interesting description. What was written on His robe? 19:16 Circle one. **Faithful and True / KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**

Remember where has Jesus gone? He has gone to sit on His heavenly throne at the right hand of God! He is there because He WON the battle over evil! (See Revelation 12:10-11)

1. Now Christians on earth who fight this battle are promised a special place. Where is that place? (See Revelation 3:21)

Lesson 12 Revelation 20-22 pg 1

In the first few verses of chapter 20, John is showing us what he saw at the end…Satan being captured by an angel who came down from heaven and threw Satan into the abyss. Then guess what? “He shut it up and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer…” Satan would have to stay there until the Judgment and then he would be thrown into the “lake of fire and brimstone…and will be tormented day and night.” Does this sound like a place you want to be?

In the same chapter we read of a great white scene. On this throne is the One who opens the book of life. He “judged everyone according to their deeds.”

1. With the judgment finished, what did John see? 21:1 Circle one. **a new heaven and new earth / celebrating that it was all over**
2. What is God going to do? 21:4 “He will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from their eyes.”
3. What is NOT going to happen? 21:4 “there will no longer be any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; there will no longer be any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; the first things have passed away.”

Lesson 12 Revelation 20-22 pg 2

1. What does the new heaven and new earth look like? 21:10-27 Can you draw it? Use another sheet of paper.
2. **Y/N** Will there be any night there? 22:5 (Does this remind you of a song?)
3. In 21:8 and 22:15, it is written that some will not be in heaven. One in particular is very interesting. Can you guess who that is? HINT…we should always tell the truth!
4. There are two things at the end of this letter that we should never do.

22:18 “I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to them God will add to him the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which are written in this book;”

22:19 “and if anyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the words of the book of the prophecy, God will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his part from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and from the holy city, which are written in this book.”

Lesson 13 Review