

## Test for TCT Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John

### Session 1 - INTRODUCTION

1. Who is John writing to?
2. What detail about John reveals his close relationship with Jesus?
3. From the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles, what job does John take in Ephesus to support himself?
4. In your own words, list the reasons John writes his first letter.

### Session 2 - WHO IS JESUS?

1. List words that John uses which are descriptive of Jesus.
2. What verses used in this session prove or show Christ to be a human? Which verses show Christ to be God?
3. Jesus is righteous 2:1. What does this mean? (See 3:4)
4. Describe Gnosticism in your own words.

### Session 3 - SIN - THE BATTLE WITHIN

1. Describe the dilemma each of us faces as we pursue a righteous life.
2. What is original sin?
3. What are sins of commission?
4. What are sins of omission?

### Session 4 - ON BEING A SINNER/SAINT

1. Describe the struggle we have living as a saint while being a sinner.
2. How do you explain 1 John 3:6?

### Session 5 - MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

1. Were any of the Marks of a Christian a surprise to you? Explain.
2. Which marks do you believe are the most difficult for Christians to make evident in their lives?
3. In light of these marks, why does forgiveness become so important to us Christians?

### Session 6 - MOTIVATION FOR PURSUING VICTORY OVER SIN

1. Describe the order of love. (See 1 John 4: 7-12)
2. What is the purpose of God's law?
3. What do we learn from 1 John 4:4 and 5:4?
4. How does God's love motivate us to continue to pursue righteous living?

## Session 7 - SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST

1. Where do we find absolute truth?
2. What are the characteristics of an antichrist?
3. What overcomes fear? 1 John 4:18 - Explain.
4. What is the practical application of 1 John 4:1-6? Explain.

## Session 8 - GOD'S GREAT LOVE FOR US

1. Which verse or verses in 1 John 4:7-12 disproves the notion that we need to love God before He will do anything for us?
2. In 1 John 4:7-12, which verse describes how God showed us His love?
3. How did God love you?
4. 1 John 1:7 - What does the shed blood of Jesus do for you?
5. 1 John 3:1 - Describe why God's making us His children is awesome, lavished love?
6. 1 John 3:2 - What great evidences of God's love still await us?

## Session 9 - BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF GOD'S GREAT LOVE THROUGH OTHERS

1. There are wonderful examples of women and men loving lavishly as God does. One of these is found in John 12:1-8. What did Mary do in her love for Jesus?
2. Why did Judas criticize Mary's generous act?
3. Why might others criticize someone who loves far more generously than they themselves?
4. What might be a better response when you see someone loving Jesus or another in an awesome way?
5. What awesome way did the woman love Jesus in Mark 12:41-44?
6. In Luke 19:1-8, how did Zacchaeus show his repentance and love?

## Session 10 - FURTHER ATTRIBUTES OF GODLY LOVE

1. 1 John 4:10 - Compare this verse with John 15:12, 13. What are some ways that we can lay down our lives daily for one another?
2. Matthew 10:16 - God is totally wise in His loving ways. How does the concept of being "shrewd" need to apply to the ways in which we love one another?
3. In regard to loving wisely, make up two examples of when saying "no" to someone's request would be more loving than saying "yes".
4. 1 John 5:2 - How might your love for God in itself actually be simultaneously a demonstration of your love for others? Is Christianity ultimately about us or about God? Are the happiest people ultimately focused on themselves or on God?

## Session 11 - FURTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF GODLY LOVE

1. 1 John 5:3 - Does Godly love ever require one to violate God's commandments? According to 2 Timothy 3:16, what does a loving application of God's Word sometimes require us to do?
2. 1 John 3:18 - Do loving actions always require some sacrifice on our part? What does Ephesians 4:15 say about how we are to speak words of truth to each other?
3. 1 John 3:17 - Do you struggle with your love and attitude towards things? How are you doing in your stewardship of money and things? Who ultimately owns everything you possess?

## EXTRA MATERIAL ON LOVE - JOHN ALSO LISTS THINGS WE ARE NOT TO LOVE.

Name the things we are not to love in the following passages:

1. 1 John 5:19
2. 1 John 2:16 (several things are listed here)
3. Read 1 John 5:17. Why are these things all deceptive? What happens to people who love these things and never come to repentance and love for God?

## Session 12 - 2 JOHN

1. What causes John to have joy in verse 4?
2. What command is John repeating in this letter? (verses 5-6)
3. What is the main teaching of those who would deceive Christians? (verse 7)
4. Explain verse 9.

## Session 13 - 3 JOHN AND CONCLUSION

1. Compare 2 John 4 and 3 John 3-4 and describe.
2. Compare Gaius and Diotrophes. Describe.
3. What are the three "we know" statements? (verses 18-20)

There are three themes shared in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> John: Truth, Love and Avoiding Deception. Briefly describe what you have learned about these three themes.