

Your Personal Bible Reading Guide

YEAR 2: NEW TESTAMENT
ACTS, EPISTLES, AND REVELATION

GROUP QUESTIONS, November 18-24, 2021 1 John 3 – 5

Bible Project Book Overview: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/1-3-john/>

Weekly Questions - 1 John 3-5
November 24

This is the *message* (v. angelia - gospel): God is Light **1:5-3:10**

This is the *message* (v. angelia - gospel) God is Love. **3:11-5:17**

1. John defines the message ("the gospel") as light and love, the twin themes of this writing. How did John see light and love in Jesus' life? How does Cain's life (Genesis 4, 1 John 3:12-24) provide the comparison? What is the point John is making so forcefully here?
2. Compare 1John 3:16 with John 13:34. How is **love** the identifying mark of Christianity today? *See also Mark 10:45.
3. Think of times that people have shown **love** to you not only in word or in speech, but with actions and in truth (3:18). How did their actions affect you?
4. How can you recognize the Spirit of God (4:2)?
5. John relied heavily on symbolic language both in his Gospel and now in 1 John. What do the symbols water, blood and spirit represent as a testimony about Jesus? (5:6-12)

Closing Prayer: Taking 1 John 5:13-15 as a model, in love we pray confidently and boldly for other people, especially anyone you know under the darkness of sin to repentance and life. God hears us!

Taking it a step further: What is one practical way that you can lay down your life in love for a neighbor, stranger, family member or coworker this week?

