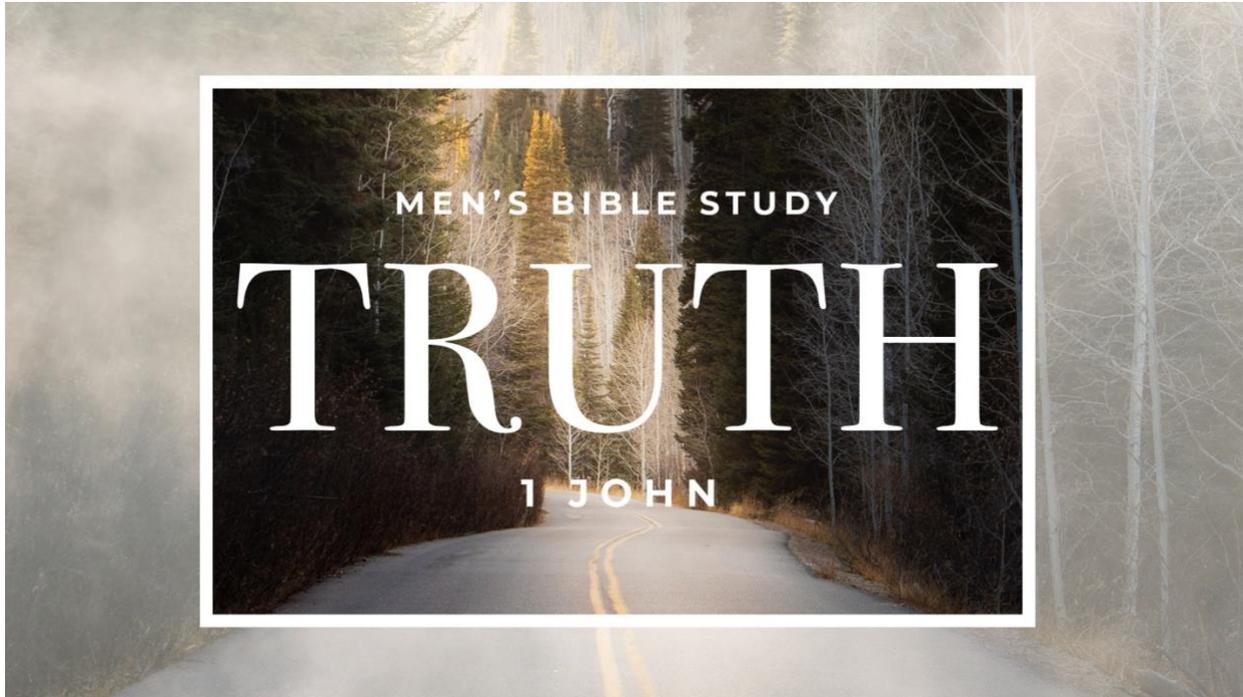


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SESSION THREE:

“OBEDIENCE”

1 John 2:3-17

SESSION THREE TEACHING NOTES

Scripture Memory: 1 John 1:1-4 (NIV)

1 *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our joy complete.*

This Week's Study Passage: 1 John 2:3-17

1 John 2:15

1 John 2:16-17

False Foundations of Assurance...

- **Religious** _____
- **Church** _____
- **A** _____ **Lifestyle**
- **Intellectual** _____
- **Active** _____
- **A** _____ **Conscience**

- _____ **Thinking**
- **A Past** _____

Romans 10:9

Mark 1:15

True Foundations of Assurance...

- 1. Are You _____ in Jesus Alone as the Son of God and Savior of Your Sin?**

1 John 5:13

1 John 1:6-7

1 John 1:9

1 John 2:2

Ephesians 2:8-9

- 2. Are You _____ Jesus Alone as the Lord of Your Life?**

1 John 2:3-6

- 3. Are You _____ the Love of God to Others?**

1 John 2:7-11

1 John 3:14

1 John 3:17

James 2:14-17

4. Are You _____ the Love of God for You?

1 John 2:12-14

1 Corinthians 10:31

QUICK OVERVIEW

In this week's passage, John gives us some ways to discern whether or not we have eternal life. We'll consider these ways under two categories: false foundations for assurance and true foundations for assurance. For the good of our own souls and out of love for others, we should want to know what it looks like for a person to have eternal life.

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John tells us that those who claim to know Christ should "walk as Jesus did" (1 John 2:6). This doesn't mean living sinlessly – only Jesus could do that – but it does mean that followers of Christ should live differently from the world. The enslaving power of sin has been broken in our lives, and the Spirit gives us the desire and ability to walk in obedience to God's Word.

- **As you look at your own life, how do your values, words, and actions look different from the world? In what areas do they look the same?**

Sadly, the lives of many professing Christians do not look much different from those of their unbelieving neighbors. One of the reasons this is true is because of the sinful, and often subtle, seduction of the world.

- **What are some ways that we are subtly seduced into thinking and acting like the world?**

Jesus said to his disciples, "*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*" (John 13:34-35).

- **How is this similar to what John says in 1 John 2:7-11 concerning those who are "in the light"?**

In order to obey the exhortation not to love "the world" or "the things in the world" (1 John 2:15-17), we need to understand what John means by these terms. He is referring to that which is opposed to God, that is, things that are characteristic of the fallen world rather than of God's Kingdom.

- **What are some practical ways we can avoid the "love of the world"? How might this affect the way we organize our schedules, make entertainment choices, or pursue a career?**
- **Review the list of false foundations for assurance that Pastor Larry gave in tonight's teaching. Which ones are most common in your opinion? Which one would you be most susceptible to basing your assurance on?**

