

John's Letters: Lesson 5

Assurance and Warnings

Lesson Text: 1 John 2:12-17

Weekly Text: 1, 2 and 3 John

Assignment: Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times and answer the questions to prepare for class discussion.

In Context:

2:3-11 Relationship Tested by Behavior: "Walk as He Walked"

2:12-17 Assurance and Warnings

2:18-27 Warning About Antichrist, Reminders and Exhortation

Study Guide Questions

1. Read 2:12-14. What is the overall point in these verses? Consider the significance of this point in light of what John wrote in the preceding section (1:5-2:11).
2. What confidence and assurance does John provide the following:
 - Little children:
 - Fathers:
 - Young Men:
3. John warns the brethren, "do not love the world nor the things in the world." Why must we not love the world? What explanation does John provide? (2:15-17)
4. John outlines "all that is in the world" (2:16). Give thought and explanation to the following:
 - The lust of the flesh:
 - The lust of the eyes:
 - The boastful pride of life:
5. Provide your own title for this section, 2:12-17.