Questions for Us Today

How shall we study the Bible?

Who is John, the Apostle?

Who and/or what must be conquered?

What’s love got to do with it?
Sunday School Lesson  
August 22, 2021

1) Bible Study Principles

2) John, the Apostle – Points of Information

3) Lesson Topic: A Conquering Faith; Text: 1 John 4:2-3; 13-17; 5:4-5
Principles of Bible Study
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1) LOCATION
2) QUOTATION
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3) INTERPRETATION
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4) APPLICATION
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1) LOCATION: Find it!
2) QUOTATION: Say it!
3) INTERPRETATION: Mean it!
4) APPLICATION: Live it!
Points of Information
John the Apostle

Throughout the Gospel he wrote, John refers to himself almost exclusively in the 3rd person – usually as “the one whom Jesus loved.” John writes with the distance of humility.
Points of Information
John the Apostle

Along with his brother (James), John was called from an occupation of fishing to be a Disciple of Christ Jesus.

Matthew 4:21-22
Points of Information
John the Apostle

Along with his brother (James) and Peter, John was a member of Jesus’s inner circle of Disciples. These three accompanied Christ Jesus to the Mount of Transfiguration, to the home of Jairus (to heal his daughter) and into the Garden of Gethsemane where Our Savior prayed.
Points of Information
John the Apostle

John was the only one of the Twelve Disciples present at the Crucifixion. There, at the Cross, Jesus entrusted the care of His mother (Mary) to John. (John 19:26-27)
Points of Information
John the Apostle

Following his exile to the island of Patmos, John wrote the Book of Revelation.

Revelation 1:9
Points of Information
John the Apostle

The three Biblical Epistles of John were written in his elder years. In these letters, he frequently refers to his audience as his “children.”
Points of Information
John the Apostle

Facing false teaching and opposition, John wrote this letter to counter the philosophies and practices of those who questioned the combined divinity and humanity of Christ Jesus.
A Conquering Faith

Lesson Text
1 John 4:2-3, 13-17, 5:4-5

Bible Background: 1 John 4:5

Devotional Reading: John 14:15-24
1 John 4:2 (NRSV)

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,
1 John 4:3 (NRSV)

and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world.
1 John 4:13 (NRSV)

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
1 John 4:14 (NRSV)
And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world.
1 John 4:15 (NRSV)

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.
So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world.
1 John 5:4 (NRSV)
For whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.
1 John 5:5 (NRSV)

Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

[The Apostle Paul wrote: “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15:57]
A Hymn For Today
Love Lifted Me
Hallelujah! Thank You Jesus!