



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 John 2:20-29 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#) are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. What kind of person do you think John meant when he wrote, “all of you have knowledge”?

John wrote to Christians who had heard and believed the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles from John and/or other evangelists who had heard and believed the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles. Today, all who read and believe the Bible have knowledge. Furthermore, those who have read and believe the Bible have been anointed by the Holy One. The Holy One is the One God in Three Persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit indwells the true believer in Jesus and gives understanding to those who believe the Bible’s teachings and obey Jesus’ commandments.

2. How did John describe the liar and the antichrist?

The liar is one who may claim or will claim to be teaching the truth about Jesus and His teachings but is not teaching according to what the Bible teaches. The liar will contradict what the Bible teaches or claim to have knowledge beyond what the Bible teaches that a believer must also believe to have a complete understanding about God. The liar is someone what will deny that Jesus is the Christ according to what the Bible teaches. The antichrist denies the Father and the Son as the Bible reveals them.

3. How might you explain, “No one who denies the Son has the Father,” to someone who thinks all religions worship the same God?

The Bible reveals that the true God is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit: One God in Three Persons. Other religions do not worship God as the Bible reveals the true God. Those who believe in the teachings of their religion should be able to see the difference between the teachings of the Bible about God and the teachings of their religion and understand that not all religions worship the same God. The true God will not reveal different and contradictory characteristics about the nature, character, commands, and will of God to different religions. John wrote: “No one who denies the Son has the Father.” In different ways many people deny one or the other or both the Son and the Father. The antichrist who has left the Church in mind and spirit, but who will often remain in the visible church, will deny the Father and the Son in some way and teach others their unbelief.

4. How can you make certain that what you heard from the beginning abides in you?

Hopefully, what Christians hear and believe from the beginning is what the Bible teaches, and when they believe they will commit themselves to obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, as the Light of the world, as the Giver of Eternal Life. By consistently and often reading the Bible, by believing the Bible and refusing to believe what contradicts the Bible, by praying to and praising Jesus as the Son of God who has revealed the Truth, by praying for the Holy Spirit to give you understanding and power to follow Jesus Christ, and by attending a church that believes in, preaches, and teaches the Bible as the true Word of God written, God and His truth should abide (remain) in you and the Holy Spirit should warn you not to believe whenever you hear error or lies being taught.

5. What can happen to you if what you heard from the beginning no longer abides in you?

You can believe lies and become a liar and an antichrist. If you are a true Christian, Jesus will discipline you and restore you to a true faith in Him.

**Thinking Further for Extra Credit
Your Discussion Notes**

1. How can you recognize “those who would deceive you”?

2. What are some of the blessings from being anointed by the Holy One?

3. How will you recognize someone who is lying to you about Jesus? What should you say or do?

4. What might you say to someone who said, “According to John, we do not need Bible teachers anymore”?

5. How can you avoid being “put to shame” when you meet Jesus?