



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 John 3:1-10 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. List three ways the Father has shown His love for us.

He has called us children of God and we are His children.

Someday we will be like His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

The Father sent Jesus to destroy the works of the devil.

The children of God have been born of God.

2. As followers of Jesus Christ, why does the world not know us?

The world does not know us because it does not know God our Father or His Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother. The world does not truly know God or the family of God though the world knows enough about God and the family of God to resent what God and we represent and act lawlessly toward God and us.

3. When will the followers of Jesus be like Jesus?

When He is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as he is.

4. List three things the followers of Jesus will do.

We will hope in Jesus and purify ourselves, just as He is pure.

We will abide in Jesus and not live lawlessly.

We will do what is right, just as Jesus is righteous.

We will love our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, in the family of God.

5. From these verses, why was the Son of God revealed?

He was revealed so we will hope in Him, purify ourselves, and not live lawlessly.

He was revealed to take away sins, and in Jesus there is no sin.

He was revealed so we would know Him and abide in Him.

He was revealed to destroy the works of the devil.

He was revealed so believers in Him would be born of God.

He was revealed so believers in Him would be revealed as children of God, do what is right, and love their brothers and sisters in the family of God.

Thinking Further for Extra Credit Your Discussion Notes

1. What are some ways the followers of Jesus might be like Jesus someday?

2. What do those who hope in Jesus do? How do they do this?

3. From John's letter, how would you recognize sin in our world today?

4. What are some things you can do to help you abide in Jesus?

5. How would you describe and distinguish a child of the devil from a child of God?