13. The Gnostics also taught that what is inherently evil?

14. The Gnostics taught that the spirit being Christ came upon Jesus at what event and departed from Him at what event?

15. Docetism was the teaching that Christ only seemed to have what?

16. A fifth reason First John was written for was to provide what?

17. If the Lord Jesus Christ is reigning in your heart and life, then you can what?

18. There is no greater atmosphere for spiritual growth than what atmosphere?

19. 1st John 1:1 reminds us of the way John opened what other book?

20. Who is the Word, referred to in John 1:1?

21. John was probably around what age when Jesus called him to be an apostle?

22. How old was John when he sat down to write First John?

23. John begins his letter by saying that God is what?

24. What is the starting point in our theology?

25. What is God's over-arching attribute?

26. The person who claims to be a Christian but continually lives in sin as an unbroken pattern is NOT what?

27. As new creations in Christ, we don't walk where?

28. John makes it clear in chapter 2 that if anyone sins, we have a what?

29. Who is our advocate?

30. What does the word "propitiation" mean?

31. What is something that those who truly know the Lord Jesus Christ hate to do?

32. The goal of every Christian is to what?

33. The first theme of John's teaching throughout 1st John is that Christians are NOT what?

34. The second theme is that true Christians do NOT live a life of complete what?

35. The third theme is that there is great what for Christians who are seeking to obey the Lord and live for Him?

36. Does God give the gift of salvation or the gift of assurance as a result of obedience to Him?

37. What is the difference between the Christian and non-Christian when it comes to loving the world?

38. In 1st John 2:19, John is saying that the test of reality is what?

39. In the context of 1st John 2:27, John is saying that God has graciously given us His Holy Spirit to enable us to do what?

40. What will some Christians be when the Lord returns?

41. Are you going to be one of those people?

42. What effect does having your hope fixed on the return of the Lord Jesus produce?

43. Do you live in light of the return of Christ?

44. Is John saying in 3:6-10 that Christians don't sin?

45. What is one of the strongest pieces of evidence that we have been saved?

- 46. Is your life characterized by love and discernment?
- 47. John tells us that God's commandments are NOT what?
- 48. From 1st John 5:4-5, we learn that we are all what?
- 49. Do you have the Son of God in your life?

50. Anything that becomes more important than the Lord in our lives is a what?

51. Do you have any idols in your life? If so, what are they?

God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »> How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »> How can I accomplish this change?
- »> What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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1. When did John sit down to write the letter we know as 1st John?

2. What two words does John use to refer to the recipients of his letter?

- 3. The letter of First John was written to propagate what?
- 4. What does the word "fellowship" mean?
- 5. Biblical fellowship is sharing together our what?
- 6. Secondly the letter of First John was written to produce what?

7. There is no greater joy than intimately knowing the Lord Jesus Christ and sharing what?

8. Thirdly, the letter of First John was written to prevent what?

9. What should we as believers do in relation to sin?

10. A fourth reason why the letter of First John was written was to protect from what?

11. The deception that John warned against later became known as what?

12. The first of two doctrines that the Gnostic heresy had was that knowledge is more important than what?

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