

EBC Study in 2John

Lesson 1

As you read through 2John and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: In the next week prayerfully **read** through 1 John then 2John at least 2 times discussion questions **from the text first**, then you may use a commentary, or your study Bible introduction to 1John to help with context.

NOTE: Questions 1-5 are general questions for your study concerning the historical context of any book of the Bible. Some of these questions may be unanswerable. Don't worry if you can't answer them, we will go over them.

Questions:

1. **Who wrote the book or the letter?** How do you know? List your evidence from the text first then other sources. Did he write any other books? If so, how might they help us understand this book?

2. **When did he write the book?** How do you know? List your evidence from the text and then other sources.

3. **To whom was the author writing?** Did he know them personally? Were they Jews or Gentiles? How did he meet and how well did he know them? What had they experienced together...? Look for clues throughout the text.

4. What is the **type of writing**? Is the book historical narrative, an epistle, a gospel, apocalyptic, prophetic, wisdom writing, a Psalm...?

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5. What is the **Historical Context**? What was going on in the world during the time the letter was written? What else was going on in the world at the time the author wrote? If known, locate his location and the recipient's location on a map.

6. **Why do you think the author wrote this letter?** What was the author's **purpose in writing?** What did the author hope to get across? Did he state it explicitly? What else is implied from what is said in the text? Did he want to evangelize, convict, warn, instruct, remind, and/or encourage...? What is the evidence that supports your conclusions?

8. From your reading, **what themes** do you see in 2John? (Look for repeated words...). Do you see any of these in 1 John?

9. Does the book have any **logical breaks**?

10. Prayerfully attempt to put together a **very basic outline of the book**. Look for major sections and changes of thought. Do not look at or use commentaries or the outline in your Bible!!! Just look at the text. Don't worry if you get stumped, we will go through it together. Enjoy your reading!!!

11. What blessed you most in your reading?