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The impact of James' teaching was again brought home to the readers of John's letter. They recalled the account from Acts 15:13-14, After they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me. 14 " Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name. "A people for His name!" It had started when they accepted Christ as their personal savior. As the word spread about their new faith, their family and friends became more and more hostile to them. However, they soon found a new family and new friends with whom they fellowshiped. Even in the midst of persecution they had the encouragement of each other. And then those new teachers came along with that strange message about Christ having not come in the flesh. The intense hurt started all over again. John wrote of this when he penned, I John 2:18, They went out from us, but they were not really of us ; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. When one meditated on John's words, the truth of "A people for His name!" was made more and more real.

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

[1.] v:13, you may know, From the list below, choose which things that you feel today's professing Christians are really interested in.

- a.) What will happen on the world scene.
- b.) How to get through life with as little interference as possible.
- c.) Bigger and better everything.
- d.) A deep and constant fellowship with Christ.

[2.] v:13 again, that you may know that you have eternal life, Scan over the entire letter and jot down those things the false teachers were saying that affected the confidence of the true believers.

[3.] v:13 again, you may know, When you hear any teacher, what do you listen for to authenticate their teaching?

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14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

[4.] question [3.], Suppose you are listening to a speaker who continually laments the world situation and seems to be speaking on articles you just read in the newspaper. What do you conclude about the person?

[5.] v:14-15, according to His will, Give some examples of subjects that you know are according to God's will.

[6.] question [5.], Regarding your own Bible study group, what might you pray that is according to God's will.

[7.] v:16-17, sees his brother committing a sin, There are two types of sin mentioned in these verses. What are the two types?

[8.] question [7.], unrighteousness, Which type of sin do these verses call unrighteous?

[9.] v:16, not leading to death, From I Cor 11:30, many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep, How might the death of this type of sin be avoided?

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18 We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

[10.] v:17, What does God's word instruct believers to do if they fall into sin?

[11.] v:17 again, Why does God take believers home who continue to live in un-confessed and rejected sin?

[12.] v:18, no one who is born of God, **Who is this talking about?**

He who was born of God, **Who is the "He" that keeps those who are born of God?**

[13.] v:18-19, evil one, **Who is this referring to?**

Back in I Jn 2:15-17 we looked at facts and warnings concerning "the world". Here again John has been adding more information.

[14.] v: 19 again, the whole world, This verse mentions two groups. What are the two groups?

NT:2889 (*kos'-mos*); probably from the base of NT:2865; orderly arrangement, i.e. decoration; by implication, the world (in a wide or narrow sense, including its inhabitants, literally or figuratively [morally]):

KJV - adorning, world.

Strong's Numbers and Concordance

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20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

[15.] v:19 again, the power of the evil one, **Put** down some examples of what this means.

[16.] v:19 again, the whole world, **According to** Gal 1:3-4 how does one escape the control of the evil one?

[17.] v:19 again, the whole world, **What does** Heb 11:38 call those who lived by faith during their stay on earth?

[18.] Something to think about! Why do you think, believers, who have escaped the world, are so intrigued with it and put so much confidence in it?

[19.] v:20, given us understanding, **Fill in the blanks regarding this verse.**

a.) “so that we may _____”

b.) “and we are _____”

[20.] v:21, Describe a born-again Christian who has made the world an idol?

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