

Read 1 John 3:19-24.

In what ways might our heart condemn us? Why might it need persuading?

Why are verses 19 and 20 such a comforting message?

Verse 23 is the centerpiece of verses 21-24. It summarizes our whole existence. Explain.

Why is a good conscience an important part of prayer?

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you. In this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and be my disciples.
(John 15:7-8)

Whatever we ask for, we receive, because we are keeping his commands and doing the things that are pleasing in his sight. (1 John 3:22)

Yet sometimes it seems like we don't get what we ask for. Explain that.

Why is God's Spirit such a great gift to us?

Read 1 John 4:1-7.

Many false prophets will arise and deceive many people. (Matthew 24:11)

Test the spirits. What are the spirits, and how do we test them?

How do you know if you are dealing with the Spirit of God?

John mentions the antichrist in 1 John 2:18 and 2:22 and also in 2 John 7.

In *antichrist*, *anti-* can mean both “in place of” and “against.”

In John’s day, what was the spirit of the antichrist saying?

What comfort and strength do you find in verse 4?

According to verse 5, what do we need to understand about false prophets?

In essence, every false prophet attempts to separate us from the apostles. Explain that.