

Bible Study for Oct 26 – Nov 1

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

Read: 1 John 2:28-3:10

Notes:

There are many people who (while looking up a lesson) have confused 1 John with the gospel of John. While possibly written by the same author, 1, 2, and 3 John are believed to have been written long after John's gospel. Picture an elderly apostle writing these letters. They are simple, but to the point: this is what Christianity is all about, this is what it boils down to. Even if your faith is meager, this much you should know.

Today many churches celebrate All Saints Sunday, a day to celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. Congregations of believers generally gather to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is now complete. Today's lesson reminds us that a saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

Questions to Ponder:

Whose coming would motivate you to clean your house?

What motives does John give for living a holy life?

What telltale signs are found in a person "born of God"?

Is John condemning sinners, or is he providing a gauge to evaluate false teaching about sin?

Of the motives given here, which one spurs you on to live for God? Why?

As you get older, do you find it harder or easier to resist sinful desires? Why?

When you fall for sin, what have you found helpful in making it right and getting on with your life?