

I JOHN 2; December 23; Love Not the World

ANALYSIS:

1. What marvelous provision has God made for a Christian who sins?

2. What is true of a person who says, "I know Him," but does not keep His commandments? _____

3. What good thing had the young men accomplished and by what means? _____

4. The love of the world is explained as: [1] _____,
[2] _____, [3] _____.

5. What do we know is true about the person who is doing righteousness? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The term "Antichrist," and the concept of some powerful world figure, is popular in dispensational, secret rapture, left behind and great tribulation teachings. This antichrist is commonly identified as the "man of sin" and "mystery of iniquity" (II Thes 2:3, 7) and the "beast" (Rev 13:1-7). But the Bible does not support this idea of a one man antichrist. John applies this word, not to one person, but to the spirit of antichrist and those who deny that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh (2:18; 4:1-3). The N T points to a "spirit of antichrist" that brings false doctrine into the church accompanied with signs and wonders after Satan's deceivableness (II Thes 2:7-10). This spirit may manifest itself inside and outside the so-called church. Is it not easy to recognize this prophecy is fulfilled by the Roman Catholic Church?

The Apostle Paul taught the Thessalonian church that they could not expect the Lord Jesus Christ to come until after the man of sin had been revealed (II Thes 2:1-3). Since we see the man of sin fulfilled by the Roman Catholic Church, we are not looking for its fulfillment as were the Thessalonians. But we are looking for the Lord Jesus to come!

HELP:

1. If we confess our sins, God promises to will forgive us, BECAUSE, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins (1:9; 2:1-2).
2. He is a liar and the truth is not in him (v 4).
3. The young men had overcome the wicked one, they were strong and the word of God abided in them (vs 13-14).
4. [1] The lust of the flesh, [2] the lust of the eyes, [3] the pride of life (v 16).
5. That person has been born of God (v 29).