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# Preparation Questions for Lesson 1

## THE BIRTHMARKS OF A BELIEVER

### Background Reading

I John 5:9-13; John 20:31; I John 1:4; I John 2:1, 3-6, 19, 26;  
I John 3:14-19; I John 4:1-6, 13; Colossians 1:27

### MONDAY

According to I John 5:13, what is one of the main purposes for the writing of this book?

### TUESDAY

Read I John 2:3-6. If we keep His commandments, what does this do in our lives?

### WEDNESDAY

I John 3:14 teaches us that we know we are saved because we do what? How does verse nineteen further define this statement?

### THURSDAY

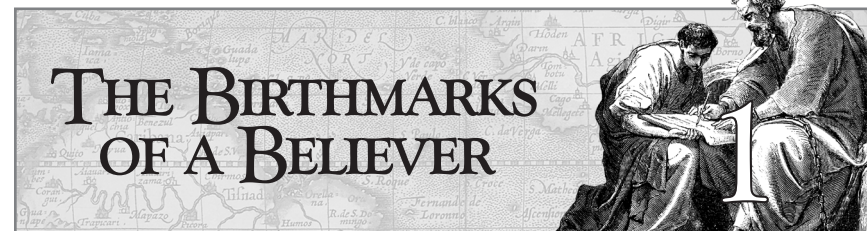
In I John 4:1-6 we are told to try the spirits. How do we know the Spirit of God from other spirits?

### FRIDAY

According to I John 4:13, how do we know that we dwell in Him and He dwells in us?

### SATURDAY

Compare I John 5:10 and Colossians 1:27. Who is the witness within the believer? How does He bring assurance to the believer?



### SCRIPTURE MEMORY

*“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”*

I John 5:13

Notes



What a tragic thing it is to go through life uncertain of where you will be for all eternity. If you know the Lord and believe the Bible, you can know for sure that heaven is your home.

Each book of the Bible was written for a specific purpose. Let us see the purpose of the book of I John.

- ◆ TO PROMOTE JOY IN OUR LIVES (I John 1:4)
- ◆ TO PREVENT SIN (I John 2:1)
- ◆ TO PROTECT THE SAINTS (I John 2:26)
- ◆ TO PROVIDE ASSURANCE (I John 5:13)

There are certain characteristics that cause children to be identified with their parents. In I John, we find certain birthmarks that should be easy to find in your life if you are a child of God. These birthmarks identify you with your heavenly Father. This does not mean you must have these marks in order to *become* a Christian, but rather that they give evidence that you *are* a Christian.

*If one is a believer, there should be certain birthmarks in his life.*

Notes

## *The Birthmark of Obedience*

There are many people who say they are Christians but have no desire to obey the Lord. They lack evidence in their Christian lives.

Read I John 2:3-6. The Bible says, *“And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.”* Do you have the birthmark of obedience in your life?

*Obedience is not simply doing the will of God; it is delighting in doing the will of God.*

## *The Birthmark of Love*

Read I John 3:14-19. God’s Word says, *“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.”* You may think you are a caring,

loving person, but do you love those who do not love you? Do you use the means God has given you to be a blessing to others?

Love is not a word; love is a deed. It is one of the identifying birthmarks of a believer.

*We are to love others with the love of Christ.*

## *The Birthmark of Truth*

Almost everyone today talks about “God” without saying that Jesus Christ is God. As a Christian, do not express yourself that way. Express your faith in “The Lord Jesus Christ.” Let us be clearly identified by the birthmark of the truth concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sometimes we do not deny Jesus Christ in word, but in deed. Sometimes we do not deny Him with our lips, but with our lives. Our behavior should not betray the fact that we are Christians. Do you have the birthmark of truth in your life?

## *The Birthmark of the Holy Spirit*

In I John 4:13 we read, *“Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.”* The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit is a birthmark of the believer. Do you know the Holy Spirit? He lives within you if you are a believer. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit if we are going to live in victory.

*The power of the Holy Spirit enables us to live the Christian life.*

## *The Birthmark of the Witness Within*

Read I John 5:9-13. When we trust the Lord Jesus as our personal Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us. He becomes our witness within. The Lord lives in each believer and provides assurance that we are His through this divine witness.

I John 5:13 says, *“These things have I written...”* This verse summarizes the entire book. This book was written *“that ye may know that ye have eternal life.”* You may know the Lord as your Savior, but you are not going to live in the joy of assurance of the salvation you have in Christ Jesus unless these birthmarks are found in your life.

*Do you have these birthmarks in your life?*

# *Preparation Questions for Lesson 2*

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

### *Background Reading*

II Timothy 3:1-5, 13-17; Psalm 119:89, 152; II Timothy 1:7; I Peter 1:10-11; Daniel 12:8-9; Matthew 4:4; Colossians 2:9-10; John 2:25; I Peter 3:7; Joshua 1:8

### MONDAY

II Timothy 3 teaches us about “*perilous times*.” According to verses 14-15, what are we to do in perilous times?

### TUESDAY

What tremendous truth do we learn about God’s Word in Psalm 119:89 and Psalm 119:152?

### WEDNESDAY

II Timothy 3:16 teaches that the Scriptures came from where? What is the significance of the word “*all*” in this verse?

### THURSDAY

According to Matthew 4:4, what are we to live by?

### FRIDAY

From II Timothy 3:15-17, list the things that the Scriptures are able to do in our lives.

### SATURDAY

What promise is given in Joshua 1:8 to those who know and obey the Word of God?