

# STUDY GUIDE

BIB372

## The General Epistles

- 1) Why were the books we've studied this term called "General Epistles?"
- 2) There were many Jameses in the New Testament, but there is one who is generally credited with the writing of the *Book of James*. Who specifically was he?
- 3) What is the supposed disagreement between James and the writings of Paul?
- 4) What is a logical explanation for the argument that James did not teach salvation by faith alone? In other words, what did he mean by mixing faith and works?
- 5) What was Luther's view of the Book of James? Why?
- 6) What is the description of "wisdom from above?"
- 7) How does one receive wisdom according to James? How would that possibly represent a contradiction of James' requirement of works mixed with faith?
- 8) What is the meaning of "the engrafted word?"
- 9) What is James' exposition on the tongue?
- 10) What is the Royal Law?
- 11) What is the source of wars and fightings?
- 12) Why should one not boast of tomorrow?
- 13) What are the three Greek words translated as "The Coming of the Lord," and what does each mean?
- 14) According to James, what should a person do when he is sick?
- 15) According to James, how can a Christian "save" a soul?
- 16) What is the result of a person saving or salvaging a soul?
- 17) Why does James say that we should confess our faults one to the other?
- 18) How would John's writings of I, II, and III John be best characterized?
- 19) In First John, what is the main theme?
- 20) We studied seven major theological ideas in First John. What were they?
- 21) Why is God characterized as "light?"
- 22) What is the proof that we have been delivered out of darkness into light?
- 23) What does darkness stand for?
- 24) How do you reconcile the two viewpoints of sin as it relates to the believer that John presents in First John?
- 25) John addressed three general groups of people in the second chapter of First John. Who are they? What does each represent spiritually?
- 26) How do we know that John's reference to "Antichrist" does not refer to one specific person at the end of the world as is commonly taught?
- 27) What is the "Antichrist?"
- 28) What is an argument that "Antichrist" is a many-membered body?
- 29) What is the "anointing?"
- 30) What three Old Testament offices were anointed?
- 31) What conclusion does John draw concerning "he who is born of God?"
- 32) Concerning prayer, why is it important that our hearts not condemn us?

- 33) John says that we ask and don't receive because of what?
- 34) What are four things we can say about "love" according to John?
- 35) What is a proof of our love for God? Give two examples.
- 36) What does John say that overcomes the world?
- 37) What does John mean by "the world?"
- 38) What are some things John says about fear?
- 39) What is the meaning of Jesus coming by "water and blood?"
- 40) There are three that bear witness in heaven. Who are they?
- 41) There are three that bear witness in the earth. What are they?
- 42) To whom is Second John addressed?
- 43) To whom is Third John addressed?
- 44) Who is the "elect lady" of Second John?
- 45) Who was Gaius? Diotrephes? Demetrius?
- 46) Why did Diotrephes resist Demetrius? (two possible explanations).
- 47) What is the reason we address ourselves to the study of *Jude*?
- 48) What other book in the New Testament that is similar to *Jude*?
- 49) What does Jude say Enoch prophesied?
- 50) Jude says that these false teachers are figuratively like several things. Name three such figures of speech.