

Study Guide: 1 John Lesson 54

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This study guide is designed to provide a comprehensive review of the teachings from 1 John: Lesson 54, focusing on the nature of Christian hope, the love of God, and the eventual glorification of believers.

Short-Answer Quiz

1. What is the significance of March 18th as mentioned in the lesson, and whom does it honor?
 2. According to the announcements, what is the memory verse for March, and what is its specific scripture reference?
 3. How does this lesson specifically define the "hope" held by a believer?
 4. In the context of living a righteous life, how does the teacher distinguish between "perfection" and "direction"?
 5. How is the "Agape" love of God described in contrast to human or earthly love?
 6. According to the lesson, why is the world (the "unregenerate") unable to comprehend the true identity of a child of God?
 7. What biblical event is cited as a moment when Peter, James, and John witnessed the unveiled glory and majesty of Jesus Christ?
 8. What is the difference between the "hope" held by the world and the "hope" held by a Christian?
 9. According to Romans 8:29, what is the ultimate goal or destination for those whom God foreknew and predestined?
 10. Based on the conclusion of the lesson, what is the practical, daily characteristic of a person who possesses this purifying hope?
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Answer Key

1. March 18th is National Supreme Sacrifice Day. It honors individuals—such as veterans, family members, and friends—who have made extraordinary sacrifices or given their lives for the benefit and freedom of others.
2. The memory verse is: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NKJV).
3. Hope is defined as the fact of being with the Lord. It is not a mere wish but a secured reality for those who abide in Jesus Christ.
4. The teacher explains that living a righteous life does not mean achieving sinless perfection while on earth. Instead, it refers to the "direction" of one's life, which should be aimed toward honoring Jesus Christ and reflecting His character.
5. God's love (Agape) is described as "alien" or foreign to human experience because it is sovereign, unmerited, and uninfluenced by the recipient. It is a love that comes from the will of the Father and is a saving, all-encompassing force.
6. The unregenerate cannot comprehend believers because their lives are "veiled" or hidden from above. Just as the world did not recognize Jesus Christ as the Son of God, they cannot recognize the Spirit of God or the hope of eternal life dwelling within His children.
7. The majesty of Jesus Christ was unveiled during the Transfiguration. On the mount, these three disciples were permitted to witness His resurrected glory before His crucifixion and ascension.
8. For the world, hope is merely a "wish" or an uncertain desire. For the child of God, hope is a "fact"—a guaranteed reality based on the finished work and promises of Jesus Christ.
9. The ultimate goal is for the believer to be conformed to the image of the Son of God. This means being made like Jesus Christ in a glorified, holy, and supernatural state.
10. The practical characteristic of this hope is purity. As stated in 1 John 3:3, everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, making the pursuit of Christlikeness the primary passion of their life.

Essay Questions

1. **The Nature of Divine Love:** Discuss the concept of "Agape" as presented in the lesson. Why is it described as an "alien love," and how does this sovereign love establish the foundation for a believer's hope?
2. **The Veiled Identity of the Believer:** Explore the idea that the life of a Christian is currently "veiled" from the world. How does the lack of recognition from the

unregenerate mirror the world's treatment of Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry?

3. **Righteousness as Direction:** Elaborate on the statement that righteousness is about "direction, not perfection." How does this perspective encourage a believer in their daily walk with Jesus Christ while maintaining the standard of holiness?
4. **The Hope of Glorification:** Using the context of Romans 8 and 1 John 3, describe the transformation that occurs when a believer is "revealed" in the Millennial Kingdom. What does it mean to be "conformed to the image of His Son"?
5. **Practical Purity:** How should the "purifying hope" of heaven influence the way a Christian manages their time and priorities on earth? Use the example of "passion" for Christ mentioned in the text to support your answer.

Glossary of Key Terms

- **Abiding:** The act of remaining or staying closely connected to Jesus Christ, which serves as the motivation and influence for a believer's life and secures their hope.
- **Agape:** A Greek term for the highest form of love; described as a sovereign, heavenly, and unmerited love that God wills toward His children.
- **Amillennialist:** One who believes the Millennial Kingdom is spiritual in nature or that we are currently in it, a view the teacher explicitly disagrees with.
- **Conformed:** The process or end goal of being molded into the likeness of Jesus Christ, specifically regarding His holiness and glorified state.
- **Foreknew:** The act of God choosing or electing individuals before time began to be part of His purpose and to know Jesus Christ.
- **Glorification:** The future state of believers when they receive incorruptible, supernatural bodies and are made fully like Jesus Christ.
- **Incompatibility with Sin:** The theological concept that a life in Jesus Christ and a life of habitual sin cannot coexist, though believers still reside in sinful flesh.
- **Millennial Kingdom:** The future reign of Jesus Christ on earth where the "sons of God" will be revealed in their glorified forms.
- **Predestined:** The doctrine that God determined beforehand that His children would be conformed to the image of His Son.
- **Purifying Hope:** The expectation of being with and becoming like Jesus Christ, which motivates a believer to live a holy and clean life in the present.
- **Transfiguration:** The event where Jesus Christ's divine glory was momentarily unveiled to Peter, James, and John.

- **Unregenerate:** A term used to describe those who are "lost" or have not been born again, and therefore cannot comprehend spiritual truths or the identity of God's children.

Greek Terminology

Term	Phonetic Pronunciation	Definition
Agape ¹	<i>ah-GAH-pay</i>	A foreign, heavenly love that is unmerited and sovereign, originating from the will of God the Father.
Prototokos ²	<i>pro-TOT-ok-os</i>	Translated in the lesson as "the premiere" or "the first among many brethren," referring to Jesus Christ as the first of a new, glorified humanity.

¹ The source uses the spelling "Haggape" and identifies it as the "love that is by the will." ² The source uses the spelling "protocos" and identifies it as "the premiere" or "the first" in relation to Romans 8:29.