

Study Guide for I John Lesson-04: Truth or Consequences

Lesson Focus Passage: [I John 2:18-27](#)

Background: In our previous episode, we saw **John** reminding his readers that authentic believers are those who obey God's commands, love the brethren, and reject the lure of the world system.

These authentic believers have a desire to know God intimately. These children of God pass two key tests: the *moral test* (obedience to God's commands which is the essence of love for God) and the *social test* (love for the brethren).

This week we will cover a third test that reveals authentic believers: the *truth test*. This test is related to the doctrinal truths around the *person and work of Jesus Christ*.

Preparatory Questions

1. List the characteristics of the **Antichrist** after reading the following passages, [Daniel 7](#), [2 Thessalonians 2:1-10](#), and [Revelation 13:1-8](#):
2. What do you learn about the divinity claims of **Jesus** from the following passages?
 - a. [Col 2:8-9](#):
 - b. [Heb 1:1-3](#):
 - c. [John 14:9-10](#):
3. What do you learn about the ministry of the **Holy Spirit** from the following passages?
 - a. [John 16:13-15](#):
 - b. [Ephesians 1:13](#):
 - c. [Romans 8:26-27](#):
 - d. [I Corinthians 2:9-10](#):
 - e. [I Corinthians 2:14-15](#)