December 26 Questions

1 John is filled with helpful and straightforward teaching on what it means to be a
of Christ. John knew there were false and in the
church (1 John 2:18, 26), and he wrote this letter to reaffirm the which his readers
already knew (1 John 2:21). John taught that false teachers and antichrists can be recognized by
what they and how they They will deny that Jesus is the, and they
will say Jesus is not fully (1 John 2:22; 4:2). They will say they have fellowship with God,
but they will walk in (1 John 1:6). They will say, "I know God," but they will not keep
God's (1 John 2:4). They will say, "I love God," but they will hate their
(1 John 4:20). This means that we must the lives of those who claim to be disciples of
Christ. If they profess faith but practice, they are false. If they love in word but hate in
, they are false. If they claim to love God but love the, they are false. John also
told his readers how to a genuine disciple of Christ. A true disciple will walk in the
and accept the cleansing blood of Christ (1 John 1:7). They will and
of their sins, and seek God's forgiveness (1 John 1:9). Above all, their life will be
characterized by (1 John 4:7), which is the defining mark of a true disciple, and true love
for God always expresses itself in Obedience then gives us the of
salvation (1 John 2:3).