***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 17**

**The World is Passing Away**

Read I John 2:1-17

 Memory Work: I John 2:15-17

 1.a. Why was John writing these things?

 b. What is an advocate?

 c. John says, “If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father,” which means? Hebrews 4:14-16

 d. Why is this advocate necessary? Hebrews 7:25-28; Revelation 12:10.

 e. Who is, also, our mediator? Hebrews 9:15; I Timothy 2:5.

 f. What did He do to become our mediator?

 g. Why couldn’t the blood of sacrificial animals remove our sins? Hebrews 9:11-15.

Think about How serious is sin? Romans 6:23.

 2.a. What does propitiation for our sins mean? Use a Bible dictionary?

 b. Why would this sacrifice need to be perfect?

 c. If someone said to you, Jesus died only for those who would accept Him, how would you refute this

 statement, according to I John 2:2and John 3:16?

Think about How serious is sin? II Corinthians 5:21; John 19:30.

 3.a. From I John 2:3-10, what is the test that reveals if we know Him? Give four.

 b. Explain each of your answers in 3.a.

 c. Which answer in 3.b is the most difficult for you to do right now. . .could you share?

 d. “Ought to” means what?

 e. In what sense are the commandments of I John 2:7-10 old and yet new? See Leviticus 19:18;

 Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:34-40; Romans 13:8-10.

 f. How did Jesus give the old commandments new meaning? See John 13:34 and John 15:12-15.

 4.a. What is hate. . .why do people hate?

 b. What happens to a person who hates? I John 2:9-11.

 c. Why does this happen? II Peter 1:5-9.

 d. What happens to your daily direction?

Evaluate e. Is there any past hate or current hate that is blinding you?

 f. What do you need to do? I John 1:9. . .anything else?

 5.a. Where would you place yourself spiritually, according to I John 2:12-14?

 Define first. . .

 Little children

 Fathers

 Young men

 b. Does the Word of God abide in you so that you are overcoming the wicked one?

c. How do you overcome the wicked one? See former lessons.

 6.a. From I John 2:15-17, why can’t you love God and at the same time love the world? Luke 16:13.

 b. Who dominates or rules this world? John 12:31; Ephesians 2:2; I John 5:19.

 c. In what way should Christians love the world? John 3:16; II Corinthians 5:18-20.

 7. Define: Lust of the flesh

 Lust of the eyes

 Pride of life

 8.a. What is passing away?

 b. Who lives forever?

c. How would you know the will of God?