

Picture of a Christian
Overview of 1 John

1. Why must we get the right picture?

A. _____ of the believer (5:13)

B. _____ of the church

C. The next _____

D. _____ life

2. How do we get this right picture?

A. What a Christian _____

B. What a Christian _____

C. What a Christian _____

Q. What does a Christian look like?

A Christian looks like someone who believes in God's Son, obeys God's Word and loves God's people.

Discussion/application questions:

1. What verses can you find in 1 John that point to the bogus picture of the Christian life being presented by the false teachers?
2. How could you use 1 John to respond to a person who said to you that it doesn't really matter what one believes about Jesus as long as one means well?
3. What are the 3 tests John puts to use to create a picture of the Christian life? Drawing from these tests, in your own words summarize what a Christian is.
4. Is there some way in which you've become indifferent to sin? What's at stake if you don't change? How does the gospel offer you hope and also call you to live differently (see 2:1-6)?

Recommended reading:

The Letters of John by John Stott

How Can I Be Sure I'm a Christian by Donald Whitney

Next week: What a Christian Believes, 1 John