1 JOHN

(Answers)

CHAPTER 1

1. God is light. There is no sin or evil in Him. We should strive to live sinless also.
2. By not being in sin or iniquity but by practicing the truth we can seek God and He will answer us.
3. When we have striven to stay out of sin and iniquity and pursued truth and holiness, the blood of Jesus will cover our sin.
4. If we confess or admit our sin to God, not denying it or its severity, and seek God's forgiveness from a sincere heart He will forgive us.

CHAPTER 2

1. If we practice the commandments that Jesus gave us then we know or are in Him.
2. The love of God for others and our brethren is perfected in us.
3. We should walk in love and pureness as Jesus did.
4. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.
5. By doing the will of God we will remain while the rest of the world passes away.
6. The Holy Spirit.
7. They denied that Jesus was the Christ.
8. So we may have confidence to be taken when Jesus returns.
9. If they practice righteousness, they are one of His.

CHAPTER 3

1. Our hope is to be with Him one day in heaven. Living a pure life will get us there.
2. It will be hard for them to continue in sin. It will grieve them much. A child of the devil won't be bothered or feel guilty about sin before God.
3. If we see a brother in need and we have what is needed then we should open up our heart and provide that need.
4. By our heart we will know if we are in the truth. Our heart and conscience (through the Spirit) will be either at peace or unrest.
5. By following His commandments and doing what pleases Him God will answer our prayers.
6. The Spirit directs us to the truths of God and to His will. He will either affirm or convict our heart concerning God's will.

CHAPTER 4

1. Whoever denies that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who came in the flesh is of the Antichrist.
2. They speak with the wisdom of the world, showing their own evaluation of righteousness and having their own doctrines.

3. If we practice love for one another then people will see God in us.
4. We must confess that Jesus is the Son of God.
5. We must abide in love for one another then we will abide in God.

CHAPTER 5

1. Through keeping His commandments we will be able to love the brethren.
2. Spiritually, the commandments produce love and peace rather than strife, conflict, and unrest. Literally, love is easier to do than all the works of the law.
3. The Messiah is identified by the testimony of God through the prophets. He was to be born through a virgin birth (water); He was to come from the line of David (blood); He would heal the sick, perform miracles, and speak God's word (Spirit) which can only come from God through Spirit bestowed on Him. One other explanation for the water and the blood could be that Jesus was identified at his baptism as the Son of God and that He would be crucified and with some detail (blood). Each of these was given as a testimony of the Messiah to identify Him when He came. Jesus met all these criteria.
4. The people needed to know and continue to believe Jesus was the Messiah the prophets wrote about, for eternal life would come through Him.
5. Any sin a person does not care to give up. This is one who is hardened to changing his ways. We must leave these in God's hands.
6. Sin that believers try to stop doing. We can pray for these and help them overcome the sin.
7. He came to give us understanding of God and His love.
8. a. God is the true God. Stay away from idols. b. We are in God by being in Jesus and following His teachings which were given to Him by God.