

FIRST JOHN

INTRO.

- 1 Author: The Apostle John, brother of James, whom Jesus loved.
(John 13:23; 20:2; 21:7; 21:20)
- 2 Date: 90-95 A.D.
- 3 Theme: The Revelation, Experience, and Reality of the Word coming to the world as God in flesh and the consequences of His coming.
- 4 Review the opening of John's gospel, 2nd epistle, and 3rd epistle, and Rev.

Chapter One

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| 1 | Paragraph # 1 | Verses 1-3A | Introduction & Thesis: |
| | A | The Apostles' <u>experiencing</u> God in flesh (the Word <u>manifested</u>). | |
| | B | John <u>declaring</u> their experiences through the written Word. | |
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| 2 | Paragraph # 2 | Verses 3B – 4 | Purpose for Writing: |
| | A | That the church may have <u>fellowship</u> with Apostles who have fellowship with the Father and Jesus Christ. | |
| | B | That the church's <u>joy</u> be full. | |
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| 3 | Paragraph # 3 | Verse 5 | Primary Truth or Message: |
| | A | God is <u>Light</u> and there is no <u>Darkness</u> in Him. | |

- A If we claim fellowship and walk in darkness, we lie.
- B If we walk in the light, we have fellowship and cleansing from sin.
- C If we claim we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and truth is not in us.
- D If we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful to forgive and cleanse.
- E If we claim that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.

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Chapter Two

- 1 Paragraph # 1 Verses 1-2 More purposes for writing:
- A That we might not sin. (Psalm 119:11)
 - 1 If we do sin, we have Jesus as an advocate with God.
 - B To identify Jesus as the propitiation for our sins and the world's.
- 2 Paragraph # 2 Verses 3-11 We know that we know Him if:
- A We keep His commandments.
 - 1 If we say we know Him and don't obey, we lie.
 - B We keep His Word.
 - C We walk like Him.
 - D We love one another...the old and new commandment.
 - 1 If we say we are in the light, but we hate, we lie.
 - 2 If we love, we are in the light, and we don't stumble.
 - 3 If we hate, we are in darkness, walk in darkness, and don't know where we're going...blinded by darkness.
- 3 Paragraph # 3 Verses 12-14 Writing to three groups & why:
- A To Little Children, because their sins are forgiven.
 - B To Fathers, because they have known Jesus.

- C Young men, because they are overcomers.
- D To Little Children, because they have known the Father.
- E To Fathers, because they have known Jesus. (duplicate)
- F To Young Men, because they are strong, and the Word abides.

4 Paragraph # 4 Verses 15-17 The World:

- A Don't love it or the things in it.
- B If we love the world, the love of the Father is not in us.
- C All that is in the world: lust of flesh, the eyes, and pride of life.
 - 1 Not of the Father but is of the world.
- D It and its lusts pass away.
- E However, those who do the will of God abide forever.

5 Paragraph # 5 Verses 18-25 The Antichrists:

- A Last days are here.
- B Everyone has heard about the Antichrist's coming.
- C Many antichrists have already come, pointing to the end.
- D The present antichrists originated from within the church.
- E The antichrists left the church and did not continue.
- F Their leaving the church exposed their true identity.
- G The distinction between us and the antichrists:
 - 1 We have an unction from God and they don't.
 - 2 We know all things, and they don't.

- 3 The Word was written for us who know the truth.
- 4 Antichrists are liars and deny that Jesus is the Messiah.
- 5 Antichrists also deny Jesus and the Father.
- 6 We must continue, remain, and continue.
- 7 We receive the promise of eternal life.

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| 6 | Paragraph # 6 | Verses 26-29 | The Anointing: |
| | A | Motive for this admonition: <u>Seduction</u> is taking place in the church. | |
| | B | The anointing <u>abides</u> in us. | |
| | C | The anointing <u>teaches</u> us and is <u>truth</u> . | |
| | D | The anointing's teaching enables us to <u>abide in Christ</u> . | |
| | E | Abiding in Christ will result in <u>confidence</u> and <u>no shame</u> when He appears at His coming. | |
| | F | Everyone who does <u>righteousness</u> is born of Him who is righteous. | |

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Chapter Three

- 1 Paragraph # 1 Verses 1-3 Sons of God:
- A We are declared “sons” because of bestowed love.
 - B The result of being called “sons”: the world doesn’t know us.
 - C We are not only called the “sons”, we are actually “sons” now.
 - D We don’t appear to be “sons”, but we will when Jesus appears.
 - E We will be like Jesus when we see Him as He is.
 - F This anticipation of being like Jesus, purifies us.
- 2 Paragraph # 2 Verses 4-10 Facts about Sin:
- A Definition of sin: transgression of God’s law.
 - B Jesus was “manifested” to take away our sins. (see 1:1,2)
 - C Those who abide in Christ do not practice sin.
 - D Beware of deception: being righteous means living righteously like Jesus.
 - E Those who practice sin are of the devil who sins. (John 8:44)
 - F Jesus was “manifested” to destroy the works of the devil.
 - G Those who are born again do not practice sin.
 - H Children of God and the devil are “manifested” by their practice.
 - I Not loving one another is also a sign of not being born of God
- 3 Paragraph # 3 Verses 11-19 Facts about love:
- A The message from the beginning is to love one another.

- B The opposite example of love: Cain murdering his brother.
- C The result of loving one another: the world will hate you.
- D We know that we have life, because we love one another.
- E We know that we abide in death, if we don't love one another.
- F Hating our brother equals murder, and murderers don't have life.
- G We perceive God's love for us by Jesus' death for us.
- H We should lay our lives down for the brethren as well to show love.
- I We should show compassion to brothers in need to show love.
- J We should love with deeds and with truth not just with words.
- K Loving with deed and truth confirms that we are of the truth and assures our hearts.

4 Paragraph # 4

Verses 20-22

Condemnation:

- A If our heart condemns us, know that God is greater than that heart.
- B If our heart condemns us, know that God knows all things.
- C If our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.
- D If our heart does not condemn us, we receive from God what we ask, because we keep His commandments and please Him:

1 Keeping His commandments:

- a Means to believe on the name of Jesus.
- b Means to love one another.
- c Means we dwell in each other and let's us know this by His Spirit.

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Chapter Four

- 1 Paragraph # 1 Verses 1-6 Testing the spirits:
- A We are not to believe every spirit.
 - B The objective of testing the spirits: whether they are of God.
 - C Many false prophets speak for the many spirits.
 - D Primary test: what is the confession of the spirit (through the prophet):
 - 1 If no confession that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, the spirit is not of God but is the spirit of antichrist.
 - 2 If there is a confession that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, the spirit is of God.
 - E We are of God and therefore have overcome the spirits, because the Spirit in us is greater than the antichrist spirits in the world.
 - F The antichrist spirits are of the world and the world listens to them.
 - G Another test: Because we are of God and not of the world, the world does not listen to us.
- 2 Paragraph # 2 Verses 7-21 More facts about love:
- A God is love, and love is of God, so we should love one another.
 - B Everyone that loves is born of God and knows God and vice versa.
 - C God's love to us was manifested in the cross that gives us life.
 - D God sending His son to be the propitiation for our sins is love.

- E If God loves us, we certainly should love one another.
- F Loving one another proves that God gave us His spirit that is in us.
- 1 We testify and confess that God has sent Jesus.
 - 2 Whoever confesses this, God dwells in him.
- G We have known and believed the love of God.
- H God is love and we who dwell in love, dwell in God and He in us.
- I Love that is perfected gives boldness in the day of judgment.
- J Perfect love cast out tormenting fear.
- K The reason behind our love for God: He first loved us.
- L If we say we love the invisible God and hate our visible brother, we are liars.
- M The commandment to us who love God is to love our brother.