

## THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

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## 1:1-4 Introduction

That which is from the beginning

John 1:1; 1 John 2:7, 13, 14, 24; 3:8, 11; 2 John 5, 6

Word of Life

John 1:1, 3; 5:26, 28; 10:10; 11:25; 14:6; Rev. 19:13

Manifested (Appeared NIV)

1<sup>st</sup> Coming 1:2; 3:5, 8

2<sup>nd</sup> Coming 2:28; 3:3

Believers 3:2, 10

## I. 1:5 – 2:11 Walking in the Light: God is Light

God is Light

John 1:4-9; 3:19-21; 8:12; Rev. 22:5; Col. 1:12, 13; Matt. 5:14-16

Walking in the Light

1:7

1:9

2:1, 2

2:3

2:5, 6

2:7, 8

2:10

Walking in Darkness

1:6

1:8

1:10

2:4

2:9

2:11

## II. 2:12-27 Believers, the World and AntiChrists

2:12-17 Believers and the World

2:12-14 Believers encouraged according to stages of growth

2:15-17 Believers are not to love the world

2:18-27 Believers and AntiChrists Cf. Matthew 24:4-14

The coming of AntiChrists teaches us:

These AntiChrists falsely teach:

We have an anointing 2:20, 27

We know the truth 2:20, 21

Therefore: Abide in Him 2:24, 27

## III. 2:28 – 3:3 Confidence before God at His Coming

2:28 Christians are to remain in Jesus so that when He returns we may have confidence, not shame.

2:29 Everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him  
Just as He is righteous

3:1 We are called children of God

3:2 We are children of God

3:3 Everyone who has this hope purifies himself  
Just as He is pure

#### IV. 3:4-18 Children of God Identified by Righteousness and Love

##### 3:4-10 Identified by Righteousness

3:4	Everyone who practices sin practices lawlessness	3:8	The one who practices sin is of the devil
3:5	He appeared in order to take away sins	3:8	The Son of God appeared to destroy the works of the devil
3:6	No one who abides in him sins	3:9	No one who is born of God practices sin
3:7	The one who practices righteousness is righteous	3:10	The one who does not practice righteousness is not of God

By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious

Transition: Nor the one who does not love his brother

##### 3:11-18 Identified by Love

Those like Christ

3:11

3:13

3:14

3:16

3:18

Those like Cain

3:10b

3:12

3:14b, 15

3:17

V. 3:19-24 Confidence before God in Prayer

3:19, 20 Because God is Greater than our Hearts

3:21, 22 We have Confidence in Prayer

3:22-24 Because we keep His commandments

VI. 4:1-6 Believers, the World and AntiChrists

Believers are to test the spirits

Spirit of God

spirit of AntiChrist

By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error

## VII. Living in Love: God is Love

4:7-11 Love is from God

4:7 Let us love one another

4:9 Love manifested: God sent His Son so that we might live through Him

4:10 Love manifested: God sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins

4:11 We ought to love one another

4:12-21 God, Who is Love, lives in Us

4:12b If we love one another

4:12c, d God abides in us: His love is perfected in us

4:13-15 How we know god abides in us

4:16-18 God abides in him: perfect love casts out fear

4:19-21 We love because He first loves us

## 5:1-21 Conclusions

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5:6-8 The Three Witnesses

5:9-11 The Testimony of the Father

5:12 He that has the Son has life

5:13-21 Because of Faith We Know

## Second and Third John

### Similarities in Second and Third John

2 John 1

3 John 1

2 John 4

3 John 3, 4

2 John 5, 6

3 John 6

2 John 12, 13

3 John 13, 14

### Contrasts in Second and Third John

2 John 2, 4

3 John 2

2 John 7-11

3 John 5-8

3 John 9-12

### Keys from 2 and 3 John for understanding 1 John

The identity of False Teachers 2 John 7, 9

The identity of True Believers 2 John 9; 3 John 11

Walking in Truth 2 John 4, 6; 3 John 4

Not a new commandment 2 John 5, 6

From the beginning 2 John 5, 6