

Through the Bible Course

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**1 John**

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Key Verse: 5:13 – “These things have I written to you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

Date: Written probably from Ephesus in 80 or 90 AD (Date is an approximation)

Author: Apostle John

Purpose: “To confirm and enforce the Gospel: to assure those who believe in the incarnate Son that they have eternal life.” – Plummer

Chapter 1:1-4 – Introduction – The Eternal Life Revealed in Christ

- I. Chapter 1:5-2:28 – God is Light
  1. 1:5-10 – Walk in the light of righteousness
  2. 2:1-6 – Christ the propitiation for sin
  3. 2:7-11 – Fellowship with the Light requires brotherly love
  4. 2:12-14 – Reasons for writing
  5. 2:15-26 – Things and persons to avoid
    - a. verses 15-17 – love of the world
    - b. verses 18-26 – false teachers
  6. 2:27-28 – The Holy Spirit teaches believers
- II. Chapter 3:1 – 4:6 – The Life of the Children of God
  1. 3:1-10 – The children of God and righteousness
  2. 3:11-24 – The children of God and love
  3. 4:1-6 – The children of God and belief
- III. Chapter 4:7 – 5:12 – God is Love
  1. 4:7-21 – God’s love and our response
    - a. verses 7-12 – we must love to know God
    - b. verses 13-16 – proofs of fellowship with God
    - c. verses 17-21 – perfect love
  2. 5:1-5 – Love and faith means victory over the world
  3. 5:6-12 – Eternal life is the Son
- IV. Chapter 5:13-20 – The Certainty of Eternal Life or Conclusion
  1. 5:13-17 – In believing and praying

2. 5:18-20 – In knowing the truth of Christ

V. Chapter 5:21 – Final Warning