

Introducing...

1 John 1:1-4

Introductory Notes

Author: The Apostle John

Audience: Believers (in various churches/places)

Parallels the Gospel of John

Key ideas come from John 13-17

Crisis: Denial that Jesus was the Messiah / Son of God

Not a letter but more a sermon

John uses Amplification - cyclical repetition

Themes: God is Light / God is Love

Purpose:

- Joy (1 John 1:4)
- Obedience (1 John 2:1)
- Know God (1 John 2:14)
- Truth (1 John 2:21)
- Assurance (1 John 5:13)

- I. Introduction (1:1-4)
- II. This is the message, God is Light (1:5-3:10)
 1. Walk in the Light
 - a. Keep Jesus Commands (1:5-2:11)
 - b. God's Victorious Children (2:12-14)
 - c. Don't Love the World (2:15-17)
 - d. Antichrists / Know the Truth (2:18-27)
 - e. Doing Righteousness (2:28-3:10)
- III. This is the message, God Is Love (3:11-5:13)
 1. Love one another
 - a. Love vs. Hate (3:11-24)
 - b. Test the Spirits (4:1-6)
 - c. God's love and our love (4:7-21)
 - d. Love and trusting Jesus (5:1-12)
- IV. Conclusion (5:13-21)

Going Deeper

We encourage you to get into God's word this week. Below is a daily reading plan to help you read the Bible each day. This will not take long and you will soon find that the short investment of time will pay off huge dividends in your knowledge of God's Word and your relationship with God. Jeremiah 29:13 says you will seek him and find him if you seek him with all of your heart.

We encourage you to keep a journal of your daily reading, writing down the passage you read and what you got out of it (e.g what the Holy Spirit is saying to you). Below are the days and scriptures to read...

Day 1: 1 John 1

Day 4: 1 John 4

Day 6: 2 John

Day 2: 1 John 2

Day 5: 1 John 5

Day 7: 3 John