

Presence Theater Church
Bible Survey
The First Epistle of John

Advanced in years, John wrote this fatherly epistle out of loving concern for his “_____”, whose steadfastness in the truth was being threatened by the lure of worldliness and the guile of _____ teachers.

Who wrote it? Not stated but according to church tradition, the apostle John.

Date of writing _____ Surrounding Circumstances:

- John was intimately acquainted with these _____, who he repeatedly called “my little children”. He had become aware of dangerous false teachings that threatened these believers.

Key Term: _____: Fellowship is _____ with Jesus and partnership with other believers in Jesus. The best preventive against false doctrine is true fellowship.

Location of Events: First John was probably written in Ephesus after the Gospel of John.

Book Outline: I. The _____ of Fellowship (1:1-2:27)

- The Conditions for Fellowship (1:1-2:14)
- The Cautions to Fellowship (2:15-27)

II. The _____ of Fellowship (2:28-5:21)

- Characteristics of Fellowship (2:28-5:3)
- Consequences of Fellowship (5:4-21)

Summary in one sentence: Christians have fellowship with _____, who is God _____, through walking in the light and through living in love, and as a result they are secure in the eternal life that Christ has given them.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

Cast of Characters: *John* – disciple of Jesus; believed by many to be the unnamed author; keeps focus on _____; *The sinful man* – in love with the _____; *Antichrists* – there are many in the world; they deny that Jesus is the _____; *Those who love* – are born of God; *Those who do not love* – do not know God

Verse to Remember: “*This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is _____, and in Him is no darkness at all.*” (1 John 1:5)

- Interesting Facts:**
1. First John includes none of the usual features of a Bible letter—greetings, identification of the author, and the like.
 2. Only Paul authored more New Testament books than John.
 3. John teaches that:
 - God is light
 - God is love
 - God is life

What is my take away? If we are willing to walk in the light and love of Christ daily, we will experience the fullness of His eternal life.