

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The First Epistle of John

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- ◉ Who wrote it?
 - Not stated, but the apostle John is widely accepted as the author. It is written to Christians living in and around Ephesus.

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- ◉ Surrounding Circumstances:
 - John was intimately acquainted with these believers, who he repeatedly called “my little children”. He had become aware of dangerous false teachings including a heresy that Jesus had been on earth only in spirit, not in body. (See 4:1-3 and 1:1)

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◎ Location of Events:

- First John was probably written in Ephesus after the Gospel of John.

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Overview of the Acts of the Apostles



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

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

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Jesus was real man just as He is real God.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

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

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Verse to Remember

“This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.”

(1 John 1:5)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

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

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- ◉ 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.

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◉ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in 2 and 3 John this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.