

Series "Fixed On 66"
"1 John"
Book-62

Key Passage – 1 John 5:11-13

John teaches that righteousness must characterize the life of those who claim to be Christians.

The Author – The **Gospel of John, 1, 2, 3, John** Is believed to be the apostle, John. It does not record that John was the author of these books.

External Evidence – Polycarp, who knew John from youth, later Papias in the early 2nd century, and later Irenaeus, all said it was John, along with all the Greek and Latin Fathers, who accepted the epistle as coming from John.

Internal Evidence – Supports the universal tradition because **"We"** (Apostles), **"You"** (Readers), and **"They"** (False Teachers) place the author as an eyewitness.
1 John 1:1-3; 4:14

Style and Vocabulary – The terms like **light** and **darkness, truth,** and **falsehood.** His contrast is similar to that of John, who does both in the gospel and the Epistle.

How amazing the Lord is, that He would take one of the **"Sons of Thunder"** and turn him into the disciple **"Jesus loved," the "Apostle of Love."**

Mark 3:17 Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder"

How Did James And John Get Their Nicknames? Luke 9:52-56

When Written – Date - about the same time as the Gospel of John: around 90 AD.

Where it was Written – Place - Probably from Ephesus.

Written To – Not addressed to any particular local Church, and so along with **James, Peter,** and **Jude,** has been called one of the **"General Epistles"** from earliest times.

to those **"that believe on the name of the Son of God" (5:13).**

Background - When John was called, he was found mending his nets. John is a mender. His written ministry comes in after the church had existed for several decades and at a time when apostasy had begun to creep in. There was a need for a voice to call people back to the original foundations, and that is the ministry of the Apostle John.

Purpose –

- 1. 1 John 1:3** - That we would have fellowship
- 2. 1 John 1:4** - That our joy may be full
- 3. 1 John 2:1** - That we sin not
- 4. 1 John 2:7-10** - That we would love each other
- 5. 1 John 2:12-14** - That we would grow to spiritual maturity

- 6. 1 John 2:21** - That we would know the truth
7. 1 John 5:13 - That we may know that we have life.

Theme – 1 John – “Fellowship With God”

Key Thought - Maintaining Fellowship based on love, righteousness, and truth in the Family of God.

Key Words – God – 60 times, Know – 35 times, Love – 28 times, Children – 19 times, World – 19 times

Key phrase - “from God...” 17 times

Key Chapter – 1 John 1, along with **John 15**, are the two central passages that teach how to have continued fellowship with God.

John 15 – “The Positive side of fellowship” is “Abiding in Christ”

1 John 1 – “The Negative side of fellowship” that when a Christian does not abide, they **“Must seek forgiveness before fellowship can be restored.”**

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Outline –

- 1. 1 John 1:1-2:17 Maintaining Fellowship:**
- 2. 1 John 2:18-28 Maintaining Truth:**
- 3. 1 John 2:29-3:10 Maintaining Righteousness:**
- 4. 1 John 3:11-4:21 Maintaining Love:**
- 5. 1 John 5:1-21 Maintaining Assurance:**

1. 1 John 1:1-2:17 Maintaining Fellowship:

**1 John 1:1-4 Maintaining Fellowship:
By Establishing Fellowship with the Father: 1 John 1:1**

John 1:1-5

1 John 1:2-4

We hear a very common statement **“We are all children of God!”**
Which is not true. We are all children of Adam.

1 John 1:5-7 Maintaining Fellowship: By Walking in the Light: 1 John 1:5-7

Walking in the light is walking in the truth.

**1 John 1:8-2:2 Maintaining Fellowship:
By Developing a Proper Attitude Toward Sin:**

1 John 1:8-10 We are sinners; we need to daily confess our sins.
To not see ourselves as sinners is to walk in deception.

1 John 2:1-2

I am writing these things to you that you may not sin.

John's answer to this is to walk in the light, which means to be open and honest, in the truth, to be sincere.

1 John 2:3-11 Maintaining Fellowship:

By Faithfully Keeping His Commandments: 1 John 2:3-6

This is the test for true Sonship that we keep the commandments and walk like Jesus walked.

1 John 2:7-11

What a great acid test for walking in the truth is experiencing God's love.

**1 John 2:12-14 Maintaining Fellowship: By Growing to Christian Maturity:
1 John 2:12-14**

God wants maturity.

Starting with children to young men, then to Fathers.

1 John 2:15-17 Maintaining Fellowship:

By Rejecting What the World Has to Offer: 1 John 2:15

World is referring to the world system that is absent of God.

1 John 2:16-17

**For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh (Passions)
and the lust of the eyes (Possessions)
and the boastful pride of life, (Positions)**

2. 1 John 2:18-28 Maintaining Truth:

1 John 2:18-23 Maintaining Truth:

**By Recognizing the True Nature of Heresy: 1 John 2:18-19
(Revelation 6, 13)**

1 John 2:20-23

1 John 2:24-26 Maintaining Truth:

By Abiding in God's Word:

1 John 2:24-26 Holding to the Word that they had been taught in the beginning.

The Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who is not!

**1 John 2:27-28 Maintaining Truth: By the Anointing of the Spirit: 1 John
2:27-28**

The presence of the Holy Spirit will guide the child of God.

3. 1 John 2:29-3:10 Maintaining Righteousness:

**1 John 2:29-3:1 Maintaining Righteousness:
By Recognizing the Source of Righteousness: 1 John 2:29 (In God)**

1 John 3:1

**1 John 3:2-3 Maintaining Righteousness:
By Anticipating the Future of the Righteous: 1 John 3:2-3**

(Heavenly minded produces earthly good!)

**1 John 3:4-5 Maintaining Righteousness:
By Understanding the True Nature of Unrighteousness: 1 John 3:4-5**

Jesus came so that we could be made right with God (**Penalty of sin**), that we might have (**Power over sin**), live a new life, and then to (**Presence of sin**) the future glorification.

**1 John 3:6-10 Maintaining Righteousness:
By Establishing Proper Family Ties: 1 John 3:6-10**

Counterfeit Christians were trying to convince true believers that a person could be "saved" and still practice sin.

4. 1 John 3:11-4:21 Maintaining Love:

**1 John 3:11-16 Maintaining Love:
By Obeying God's Age-Old Command: 1 John 3:11-14**

Evidence that we are God's and have come to know God is the love that we exhibit towards others.

1 John 3:15-16

**1 John 3:17-24 Maintaining Love:
By Putting Your Love to Action:**

1 John 3:17-24

We know what to ask for when we pray because we are walking in His will.

1 John 4:1-6 Maintaining Love: By Surrendering to God's Spirit:

1 John 4:1-6

A rejection of the Scriptures reveals a rejection of the Spirit of God.

**1 John 4:7-21 Maintaining Love: By Following God's Example of Love:
1 John 4:7-21**

The basic test for knowing God and being in a vital relationship with Him is love!

5. 1 John 5:1-21 Maintaining Assurance:

**1 John 5:1-5 Maintaining Assurance: By Living Victoriously:
1 John 5:1-3**

Love takes the burden out of a job.

1 John 5:4-5

1 John 5:6-10 Maintaining Assurance: By Accepting God's Testimony:

1 John 5:6-10 The Spirit of God, working through the Word of God, based upon the Work of God, the Cross of God.

1 John 5:11-13 Maintaining Assurance: By Believing God's Word:

1 John 5:11-13 We can and should know that we belong to Him.

1 John 5:14-17 Maintaining Assurance: By Continuing in Prayer:

1 John 5:14-16 *"A state or habit of sin willfully chosen and persisted in"*
Sin that is constant opposition to God

In other words, first, God "spanks" his rebellious children, and if they do not yield to His will, He may remove them from the world lest their disobedience lead others astray and bring further disgrace to His name.

1 John 5:17

All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

1 John 5:18-21 Maintaining Assurance:

By knowing that we belong to God: 1 John 5:18-21

Application:

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