



## WEEK 9 & 10 – 1, 2 & 3 Epistles of John

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### The First, Second & Third Epistle of John

- **Author:** first John is so similar to the Gospel of John in language, style & theology, that few have ever disputed that the two books were written by the same man: St. John the Apostle.
- **Date:** The letter can't be dated with certainty. It is probable that all of John's letters were written about the same time (A.D. 90-95).
- **Major Theme:**
  - \* First Epistle of John: Tests of true Christian life.
  - \* Second Epistle of John: Tests of true Christian care.
  - \* Third Epistle of John: Genuine leadership vs. false leadership.

**Subthemes:**

- 1- Our participation or communion with God & with each other.
- 2- The close relationship of faith, love, obedience, & life- the all inclusive term of salvation.
- 3- The close relationship between the first great commandment, love of God, & the second, love of others.
- 4- The crucial importance of holding true faith.
- 5- A stark, eschatological contrast between the children of God & the children of the world.

• **Background Information:**

- 1- Denunciation of false teaching:
  - (a) False teachers with a Gnostic bent.
  - (b) Former members of the Church who had left & were a threat to the faith of Christians.
- 2- Danger of worldliness.
- 3- The structure of the letter.
- 4- Audience.

Chapters	Verses	Titles	Chapters	Verses	Titles
1 John 1	1-4  5-10	+ What Was Heard, Seen, and Touched.  + Fellowship with Him and One Another.	1 John 5	6-13  14-17  18-21	+ The Certainty of God's Witness.  + Confidence and Compassion in Prayer.  + Knowing the True— Rejecting the False.
1 John 2	3-11 12-14 15-17 18-23 24-27 28-29	+ The Test of Knowing Him. + Their Spiritual State. + Do Not Love the World. + Deceptions of the Last Hour. + Let Truth Abide in You. + The Children of God.	2 John 1	1-3 4-6  7-11  12-13	+ Greeting the Elect Lady. + Walk in Christ's Commandments. + Beware of Antichrist Deceivers. + John's Farewell Greeting.
1 John 3	4-9 10-15 16-23 24	+ Sin and the Child of God. + The Imperative of Love. + The Outworking of Love. + The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error.	3 John 1	1-4 5-8  9-12 13-14	+ Greeting to Gaius. + Gaius Commended for Generosity.  + Diotrephes and Demetrius. + Farewell Greeting.
1 John 4	7-11 12-16 17-19 20-21	+ Knowing God Through Love. + Seeing God Through Love. + The Consummation of Love. + Obedience by Faith.			



**1 John CHAPTER 1**

1. If we say we have no sin we deceive: a) God b) the Lord Jesus Christ c) the devil d) ourselves
2. How can someone make God a liar?

3. What would we gain by confessing our sins?

**1 John CHAPTER 2**

1. Who is our Advocate with the Father? a) our mother b) the Lord Jesus Christ c) St. Mary d) our priest
2. He who says he \_\_\_\_\_ in Him \_\_\_\_\_ himself also to \_\_\_\_\_ just as He \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What verse in this chapter do we use in the Divine Liturgy?

**1 John CHAPTER 3**

1. Love is action not words. Give verses that support this.

2. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ his brother is a \_\_\_\_\_, and you know that no murderer has \_\_\_\_\_ abiding in him. Mention the reference \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He who sins is of the \_\_\_\_\_, for the devil has sinned from the \_\_\_\_\_. For this purpose the \_\_\_\_\_ was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

**1 John CHAPTER 4**

1. Beloved, do not \_\_\_\_\_ every spirit, but \_\_\_\_\_ the spirits, whether they are of \_\_\_\_\_; because many \_\_\_\_\_ prophets have gone out into the world. Mention the reference \_\_\_\_\_.

2. To what extent did God love us?

3. 1. Who is the source of our love? a) the heart b) our spirit c) God d) the Holy Bible

**1 John CHAPTER 5**

1. Give verse that proves the Holy Trinity.
2. We know that whoever is \_\_\_\_\_ of God does not \_\_\_\_\_; but he who has been born of God keeps \_\_\_\_\_, and the wicked one does not \_\_\_\_\_ him.
3. What can overcome the world? \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 John CHAPTER 1**

1. St. John reminds the elect lady of which commandment:?  
a) love one another b) be good to the poor c) be hospitable d) do not lie
2. What do the deceivers refuse to confess?

3. What does St. John say about welcoming different missionaries into our houses?

**3 John CHAPTER 1**

1. Beloved, I pray that you may \_\_\_\_\_ in all \_\_\_\_\_ and be in \_\_\_\_\_, just as your soul \_\_\_\_\_ & Mention the reference \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What caused St. Paul to greatly rejoice?

3. What were Diatrephes weaknesses?