



a study through the book of

1 John



Key Words

- God/Father/Son/Jesus/Spirit –
He/Him/Himself/His
- We/Us
- Love
- Know
- Sin(s)
- World
- Remain

Connections to Gospel

| | <u>John</u> | <u>1 John</u> |
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| • “the beginning” | 1:1 | 1:1 |
| • Children of God | 1:12 | 3:1,2,10; 5:2,19 |
| • We observed/beheld | 1:14 | 1:1 |
| • No one has seen God | 1:18 | 4:12 |
| • Believes/has Son has life | 3:36 | 5:12 |
| • Jesus “laid down his life” | 10:18 | 3:16 |
| • Ask whatever – done for you | 15:7 | 5:14-15 |
| • Joy may be complete | 16:24 | 1:4 |

Black & White

- Light v. Darkness (1:5)
- Truth v. Deception/Lies (1:6,8)
- Love for Father v. Love for world (2:15)
- Doing right v. Committing sin (3:7-8)
- Children of God v. children of the Devil (3:10)
- Love with truth and action v. Love with word or speech (3:18)
- Spirit of God v. spirit of antichrist (4:2-3)
- Loves/Knows God v. does not love/does not know God (4:7-8)
- Has the Son/has life v. does not have the Son/does not have life (5:12)

Cyclical – Structure...

- Purpose of Letter 1:1-4; 2:1a, 12-14,26; 5:13
- Theology of Sin 1:5-2:2, 3:4-17
- Assurance of Fellowship 2:3-11, 3:18-24
- Enemies of God 2:15-27, 4:1-6
- Love of Brothers 2:28-3:3, 4:7-21
- Exclusivity of Christ 5:1-12
- Certainties 5:13-21

Certainties!

- That we have eternal life
- That we can have confidence in prayer
- That we have victory over sin
- That we belong to God
- That Jesus is God!

Reasons for Writing

- That our joy may be complete (1:4)
- That you may not sin (2:1)
- To encourage your faith (2:12-14)
- To warn you about those who are trying to deceive you. (2:26)
- That you may know that you have eternal life (5:13)