

Introduction to the Epistles of John

Who is Author:

Who is John:

1John 1.1-3

What is John's lineage:

Matt. 27:56, Mark 15:40

John 19:25

John 19:26-27

Matt. 4:21-22, Mark 1:19-20

Mark 1.20

Luke 5.9-11

What does Scripture say about John:

Mark 3:16-17

Luke 9:54

Mark 9:38; Luke 9:49

Mark 10:35-41; Matt. 20:20-23

Luke 22:8

What do Historical sources say:

When were these letters written:

Where were they written:

Purposes:

1st John

2nd John

3rd John

Themes:

1st John

2nd John

3rd John

*If we
confess
our sins,
he is
faithful
& just
and will
forgive
us our
sins and
purify
us from all
unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:9

1st John – Chapter 1.1-5

1 John 1:1-5 (NASB) ¹ What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— ² and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— ³ what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

- I. The Son of God has come to earth
 - a. Jesus Christ has always existed
 - b. Jesus has proven who He is
 - c. Jesus has revealed who He is – The Word of Life
 - i. Revelation
 - ii. Identification
 - d. Jesus has come for a glorious purpose
 - i. Fellowship
 - ii. Our Joy
 - e. Jesus preached a wonderful message
 - i. God is Light
 - ii. No darkness in God

Questions:

1. What did you learn that was new to you about John?
2. What new information did you learn about the times in which John was writing?
3. Did all of this information stir up the Berean in you, to find out about the other apostles?
4. Did you see how you can fact-check scripture when other scripture says the same thing?
5. How easy is it for you to believe in things that can't be sensed in a physical way?
6. According to John a satisfying life can't be found in things or thrills but in a Person. Why is Jesus Christ more real than those things or thrills?
7. Why can't the created world alone reveal God's love to us?
8. Why is Jesus called 'The Word of Life'?
9. What is your understanding of fellowship? How may it be different than God's?
10. Do you think a Christian can have true fellowship with an unbeliever?
11. Do you believe a Christian can fall out of fellowship with God?