

# 1 JOHN



## 1. Believers are the audience

This is a letter about discipleship / maturity / sanctification, not salvation

## 2. Abiding is the requirement

Those abiding in Christ (“walking in the Spirit”) will experience what John teaches here

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# Outline (J. Vernon McGee)

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1. God Is Light (1:5), Chapters 1:1–2:2
2. God Is Love (4:8), Chapters 2:3–4:21
3. God Is Life (5:12), Chapter 5

# Why did John write?

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1. 1 John 1:4 – JOY
2. 1 John 2:1 – GROWTH
3. 1 John 2:12-14 – REMINDER
4. 1 John 2:26 – WARNING
5. 1 John 5:13 – ASSURANCE

# Why did John write?

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1. 1 John 2:3 – “by this we know that we have known him”
2. 1 John 2:5 – “by this we know that we are in him”
3. 1 John 3:16 – “by this we have known love”
4. 1 John 3:19 – “by this we will know that we are of the truth”



# Why did John write?

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5. 1 John 3:24 – “by this we know that he abides in us”
6. 1 John 4:2 – “by this you know the spirit of God”
7. 1 John 4:13 – “by this we know that we abide in him and he in us”
8. 1 John 5:2 – “by this we know that we love the children of God”

We proclaim also to you...

- what was from the beginning
- what we have heard
- what we have seen with our eyes
- what we have looked at and our hands have touched
- what we have seen and heard



# Prologue – 1 John 1:1-4

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We proclaim...

WHAT? about the Word of Life

WHY? – “so that”

- you too may have fellowship with us
- our joy may be made complete

# Conclusion

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*John wrote this letter to fellow believers. His goal was to share as much as possible about his personal experience with Christ (“the Word of life”) and relationship with the Father with the hope that (at least) two results would occur. First, he wanted his readers to have close fellowship with him. Second, he wanted to be able to celebrate (“joy”) their spiritual closeness to both him and God.*

# Application

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1. How would you describe your experience with Jesus thus far?
2. What area(s) of spiritual growth are you most excited about learning from 1 John?

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