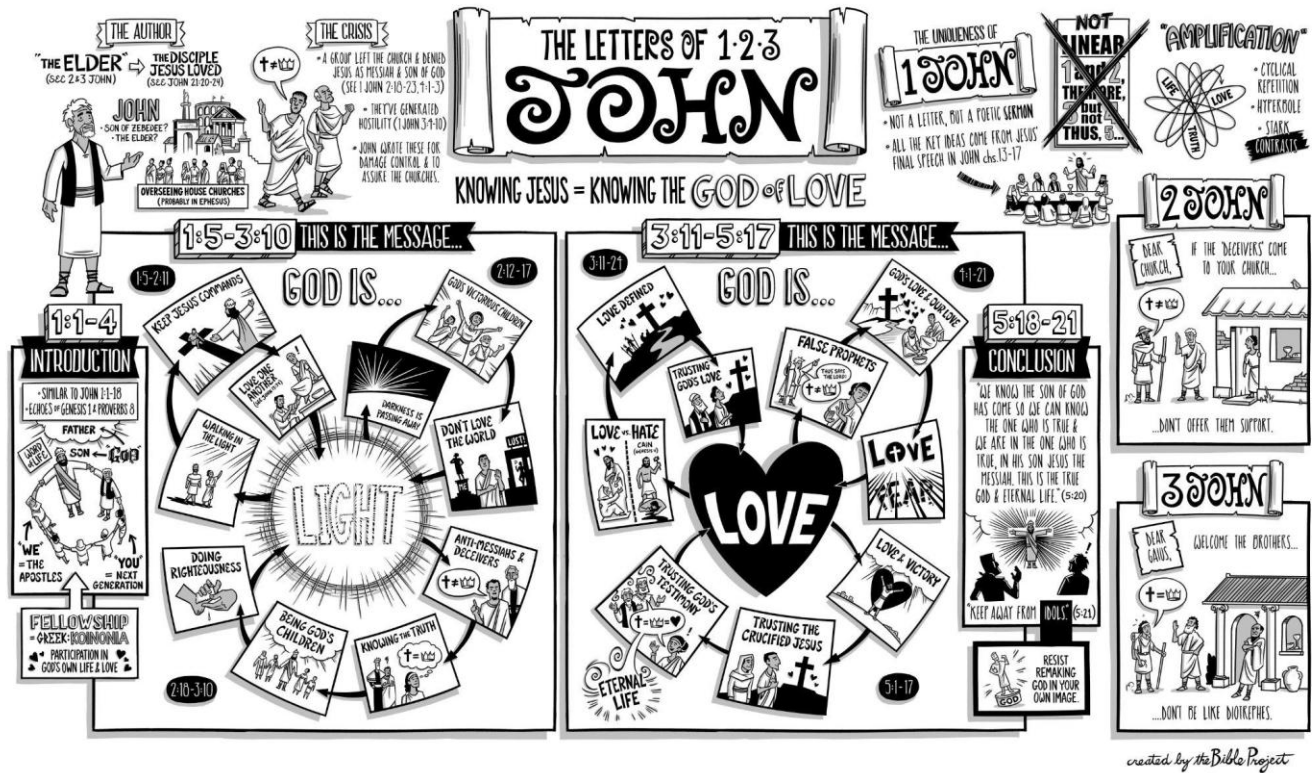


TTB Class 1 - 3 John

I. CONTEXT & OVERVIEW

A. About 1-3 John (Authorship, Genre, Situation)



The Big Idea

Following Jesus means entering into a way of life that is permeated with God's own life and love, beginning now and carrying on into eternity. To know Jesus is to know the creative God of life-giving and self-giving love.

1. About 1 John

- a. Authorship - Likely John who authored the Gospel of John
- b. Genre - Homily (sermon)
- c. Situation - Idolatry, Gnosticism, Heresy, Compromise

2. About 2 John

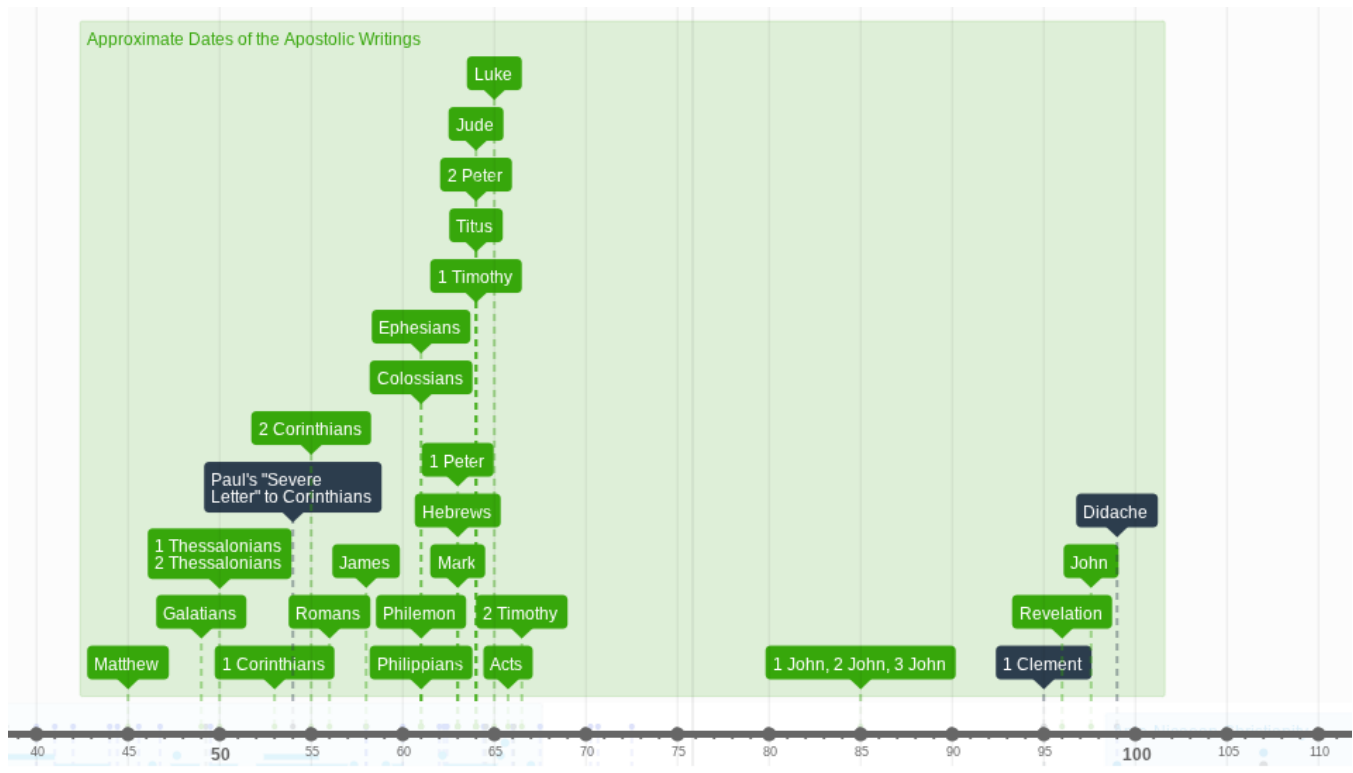
- a. Authorship - "The Elder" (Likely John)
- b. Genre - Letter, private correspondence to "Elect Lady"
- c. Situation - Warning to a house church

3. About 3 John

- a. Authorship - "The Elder" (Likely John)
- b. Genre - Letter of recommendation for traveling missionary, to Gaius
- c. Situation - Counter influence of another house church leader

B. Timeline

<https://www.joshuataallent.com/bible/>
<https://time.graphics/line/728507>



II. THEMES

A. **Remain - Reside** (1 John 2:6, 10, 14, 17, 24, 27, 28; 3:6; 9, 14, 17, 24; 4:12, 13, 15, 16)

B. **God is LIGHT** (1 John 1:5, 7-9; 2:10)

C. **God is LOVE** (1 John 4:8, 16)

D. **Walking**

1. In Fellowship (1 John 1:1 – 2:14)
2. As Children of God (1 John 2:15 – 3:24)
3. In Love (1 John 4:1-21)
4. In Knowledge (1 John 5:1-21)
5. In Truth (2 John 1-13)
6. In the Way (3 John 1-14)

E. **Exalts God**

1. Light (1 John 1:5)
2. Love (1 John 4:8, 16)
3. Righteous (1 John 2:29)
4. Life (1 John 5:11 – 12)
5. Truth (2 John)
6. Good (3 John)

F. **Right Behavior - “Fruit”/Behavior Tests** (1 John 1:1 – 3:24)

1. Walk in the Light (1 John 1:6, Eph 5:13, 1:7)
2. Admit You are a Sinner (1 John 1:8, 1:9)
3. Obey God's Will (1 John 2:4, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27)
4. Imitate Christ (1 John 2:6, Matthew 5:13)
5. Love Others (1 John 2:7-11, *2:9*, 3:14-15, 3:16-18, 4:20-21)
6. Relationship to the World (1 John 2:15, Galatians 1:4)
 - a) 3 Categories of Sin (1 John 2:16-17):
 - (1) Lust of the Flesh (Luke 4:3)
 - (2) Lust of the Eyes (Luke 4:7)
 - (3) Pride of Life
7. Prove Christ is Righteous by Your Life (1 John 2:22, 2:29, 3:1-10)

G. **Right Belief** (1 John 4:1-5:11)

1. WHAT SHOULD WE BELIEVE?
 - a) Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (1 John 4:1-2, 5:20-21)
 - b) Deity of Christ (1 John 4:15, 5:5) - He is the Son of God, the only begotten Son.
 - c) God is Love (1 John 4:8, 4:12, John 3:16, 4:9-10)
 - d) Christ is our Savior (1 John 5:10-12, 2:2, 4:10, Romans 3:25)
2. GOD AND LOVE
 - a) Love is the supreme test of our Christian Faith (1 John 3:14, 1 Cor 13, 4:7-8, 4:16, 4:19-21)

H. Rich Rewards (1 John 5:12-21)

1. REWARDS OF LIFE

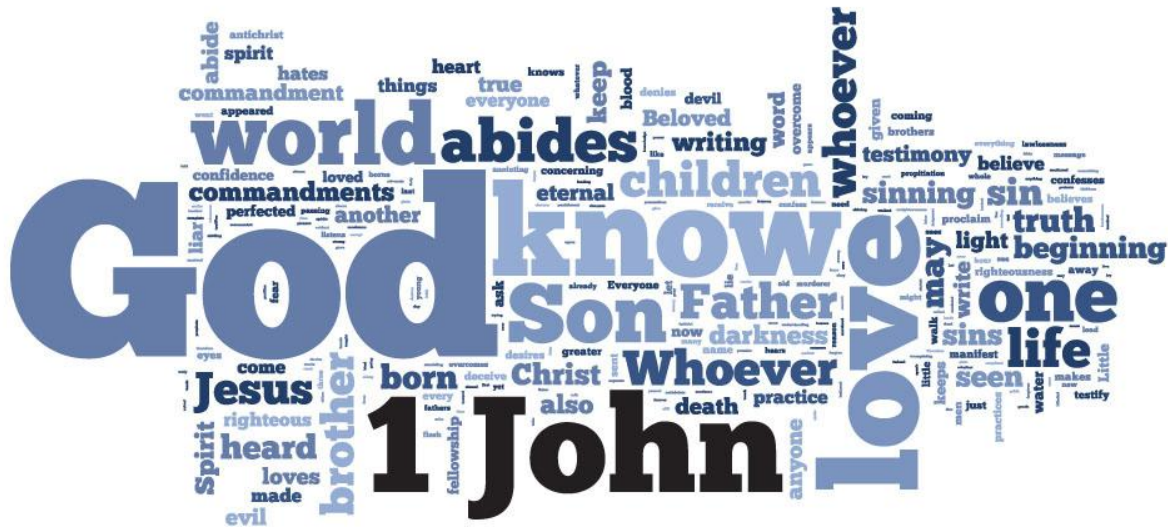
- a) Assurance of eternal life (5:13)
- b) Power of prayer (5:14-15)
- c) Power of intercession (5:16)
- d) Victory (5:4-5, 5:18)

2. BELIEVE & KNOW (1 John 2:3, 5; 3:2, 5, 14–16, 19, 24; 4:2, 6, 8, 13; 5:2, 13, 15, 18–20; 2 John 1:1; 3 John 1:12)

I. The Bible Project Outline

- 1. The Word of Life (1 John 1:1-4)
- 2. Walking in the Light of Jesus (1 John 1:5-3:10)
- 3. God is Love (1 John 3:11-5:17)
- 4. God and Jesus as One (1 John 5:18-21)
- 5. A Warning for Those Denying Jesus (2 and 3 John)

III. HIGHLIGHTS



Word cloud courtesy of Blue Letter Bible
BlueLetterBible.org 

A. 1 John 1

1. Life Revealed
2. Light and Darkness
3. Confession

B. 1 John 2

1. Advocate & Atonement
2. How We Know that We Know Him
3. REMAIN - ABIDE
4. Old, Not New, But New
5. Warnings about the World (Antichrist, Lies vs. Truth)

C. 1 John 3

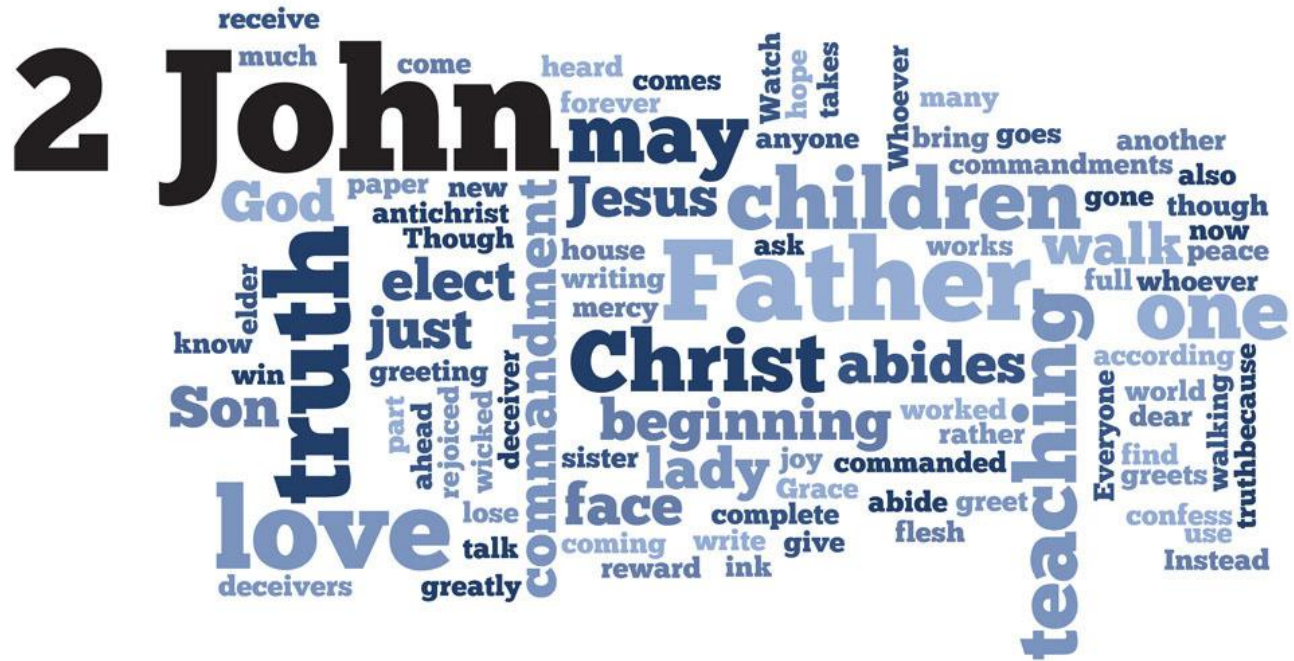
1. Children of God vs. Children of the Devil
2. Actively Resting (Abide) - Love in Action

D. 1 John 4

1. Test the Spirits (Antichrist vs. Spirit of Truth)
2. Knowing God through Love (Remaining/Abiding, No Fear in Love)

E. 1 John 5

1. Law of Love
2. Certainty of God's Testimony
3. Effective Prayer
4. Conclusion



Word cloud courtesy of Blue Letter Bible
BlueLetterBible.org 

F. 2 John

1. Mysterious Lady and her Sister
2. Her Children
3. Truth & Love
4. Antichrist vs. Doctrine of Christ
5. Face to Face

REFERENCES & RESOURCES

1. Bible Project Guide/Videos

<https://bibleproject.com/guides/books-of-1-3-john/>

(also see YouTube for videos)

2. IPV Commentary - New Testament, by Keener

3. What the Bible is All About, by Henrietta Mears

4. Word studies and Word Cloud Images

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/>

1 John https://www.blueletterbible.org/images/wordclouds/imageDisplay/wc_621jo_b

2 John https://www.blueletterbible.org/images/wordclouds/imageDisplay/wc_632jo_b

3 John https://www.blueletterbible.org/images/wordclouds/imageDisplay/wc_643jo_b

5. Class notes, recordings, and Interactive Timeline

<https://www.joshuatallent.com/bible/>

<https://time.graphics/line/728507>

6. Venture Church Pastor's Comments - From our Yearly Bible Reading Plan in YouVersion

7. Images <https://www.bibleplaces.com>