

THE LETTERS OF 1-2-3 JOHN

"AMPLIFICATION"

- CYCLICAL REPETITION
- HYPERBOLE
- STARK CONTRASTS

LIFE LOVE TRUTH

NOT LINEAR

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1 JOHN

THE UNIDIRECTION OF

- NOT A LETTER, BUT A POETIC SERMON
- ALL THE KEY IDEAS COME FROM JESUS' FINAL SPEECH IN JOHN chs. 13-17

2 JOHN

IF THE DECEIVERS COME TO YOUR CHURCH...

DEAR CHURCH, T ≠ W

...DON'T OFFER THEM SUPPORT.

3 JOHN

WELCOME THE BROTHERS...

DEAR GAIUS, T = W

...DON'T BE LIKE DIOTRICHES.

1:1-4

INTRODUCTION

- SIMILAR TO JOHN 1:1-18
- EPISTLES OF GENESIS 1 & PROVERBS 8

FATHER ← SON → YOU

WE = THE APOSTLES

"YOU" = NEXT GENERATION

1:5-3:10 THIS IS THE MESSAGE...

GOD IS...

KEEP YOUR CONTACTS

LONG OBEYANCE BRINGS PEACE

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

DOING RIGHTEOUSNESS

BEING GOD'S CHILDREN

KNOWING THE TRUTH

ANTI-MESSIAHS & DECEIVERS

DON'T LOVE THE WORLD

DARKNESS IS PRESSING AGAINST

GOD'S VICTORIOUS CHILDREN

2:12-17

3:11-5:17 THIS IS THE MESSAGE...

GOD IS...

LOVE

TRUSTING GOD'S LOVE

TRUSTING LOVE

TRUSTING GOD'S TESTIMONY

LOVE VS. HATE

LOVE & VICTORY

TRUSTING THE CRUCIFIED JESUS

ETERNAL LIFE

5:1-7

15:18-21 CONCLUSION

"WE KNOW THE SON OF GOD HAS COME SO WE CAN KNOW THE ONE WHO IS TRUE & WE ARE IN THE ONE WHO IS TRUE, IN HIS SON JESUS THE MESSIAH. THIS IS THE TRUE GOD & ETERNAL LIFE." (5:20)

"KEEP AWAY FROM IDOLS" (5:21)

RESIST REMAKING GOD IN YOUR OWN IMAGE.

THE CRISIS

- A GROUP LEFT THE CHURCH & DENIED JESUS AS MESSIAH & SON OF GOD (SEE 1 JOHN 2:18-23, 1:1-3)
- THEY'VE GENERATED HOSTILITY (1 JOHN 3:9-10)
- JOHN ASKED THESE FOR DAMAGE CONTROL & TO ASSURE THE CHURCHES.

THE AUTHOR

JOHN

SON OF ZEBEDEE? THE ELDER?

OVERSEEING HOUSE CHURCHES (PROBABLY IN EPHESUS)

THE DISCIPLE WHO JESUS LOVED (SEE JOHN 21:20-24)

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