

# 1 JOHN

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1. An early copy of the Gospel of John was in circulation (there were editors that add his death and some other parts to this early copy)
2. 1-3 John were written after the Gospel of John by John the Beloved Disciple
3. John was a part of a “loose” network of churches in the area of Ephesus
4. While John was still alive “false Christians” were teaching heretical views of Jesus
5. These “false Christians” were trying to win converts

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6. Continuing in sin, while claiming sinless perfection

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# Questions – Doubts

1. Did they really know God?
2. Were they really experiencing eternal life?
3. Were they really in the truth?

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The Letters of John provide readers with a cameo of life in one part of the early church. They represent an unhappy time in the life of the Christian communities involved; a time of dispute between believers involving both theological and behavioural concerns. The letters reflect only one side of this dispute, but the side which represented the truth of the matter as far as the later church was concerned.

*Kruse, C. G. (2000). The letters of John (p. 1).  
W.B. Eerdmans Pub.; Apollos.*

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# 1 John 1:1-4

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# John 1:1-18

## PROLOGUE

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... <sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...

... <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side – he has revealed him.

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