

I John

Author – John the Apostle, the son of Zebedee

“...*the disciple whom Jesus loved... who also had leaned back on His breast at the supper...*” John 21:20

John the Apostle wrote the Gospel of John, I, II, and III John, and The Revelation.

John 1:1 - ***In the beginning...*** Speaks of eternity past, before time began

I John 1:1 – ***From the beginning...*** Speaks of the beginning of the Christian revelation

“**We**” = The apostolic circle of witnesses

Heard

Seen - To look upon

Beheld - To gaze intently

Handled

Subject Of I John– The Word of Life, the truth about eternal Life.

Manifested – An important word that occurs 9 times in I John.

- 1) To show or demonstrate plainly; reveal
- 2) To be evidence of; prove

Historically – Eternal life was manifested in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ

To us (the Apostles) – Eternal life can also be manifested among Believers

Verse 1 Heard Seen Beheld Handled

Verse 3 Seen Heard

Purpose Of I John – Fellowship

Joy – Only used 3 times in John’s epistles:

I John 1:4, “...*that our joy may be made complete.*”

II John 12, “...*that your joy may be made full.*”

III John 4, “*I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.*”

Contrasts in I John

- Light – darkness
- Love of God – love of the world
- Children of God – Children of the devil
- Spirit of God – spirit of the antichrist
- Love – hate

Our Journey through I John:

Week Two - Living In Fellowship

Walking In God’s light, 1:5 – 2:2

Knowing the God of Light, 2:3 – 11

Week Three – Resisting Antichrists

Recognize spiritual assets, 2:12 – 14

Recognize spiritual adversaries, 2:15 – 27

Week Four – Boldness through Abiding, part 1

Learning to see God’s children, 2:28 – 3:10a

Learning to love God’s children, 3:10b – 3:23

Week Five – Boldness through Abiding, part 2

Learning to see the God of love, 3:24 – 4:16

Boldness at the Judgment Seat, 4:17-19

Week Six – Learning to live Obediently

What loving our brothers means, 4:20 – 5:3a

What empowers our love, 5:3b-15

What love does for our brothers, 5:16-17

Week Seven – Certainties of the Faith, 5:18-21

We Know...

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