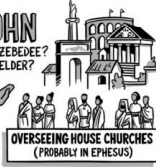


THE AUTHOR
"THE ELDER" → **THE DISCIPLE JESUS LOVED**
 (SEE 2 & 3 JOHN) (SEE JOHN 21:20-24)



JOHN
 SON OF ZEBEDEE?
 "THE ELDER?"



OVERSEEING HOUSE CHURCHES
 (PROBABLY IN EPHESUS)

THE CRISIS
 • A GROUP LEFT THE CHURCH & DENIED JESUS AS MESSIAH & SON OF GOD (SEE 1 JOHN 2:18-23, 4:1-3)
 • THEY'VE GENERATED HOSTILITY (1 JOHN 3:9-10)
 • JOHN WROTE THESE FOR DAMAGE CONTROL & TO ASSURE THE CHURCHES.



THE LETTERS OF 1:2:3

1 JOHN

KNOWING JESUS = KNOWING THE GOD OF LOVE

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

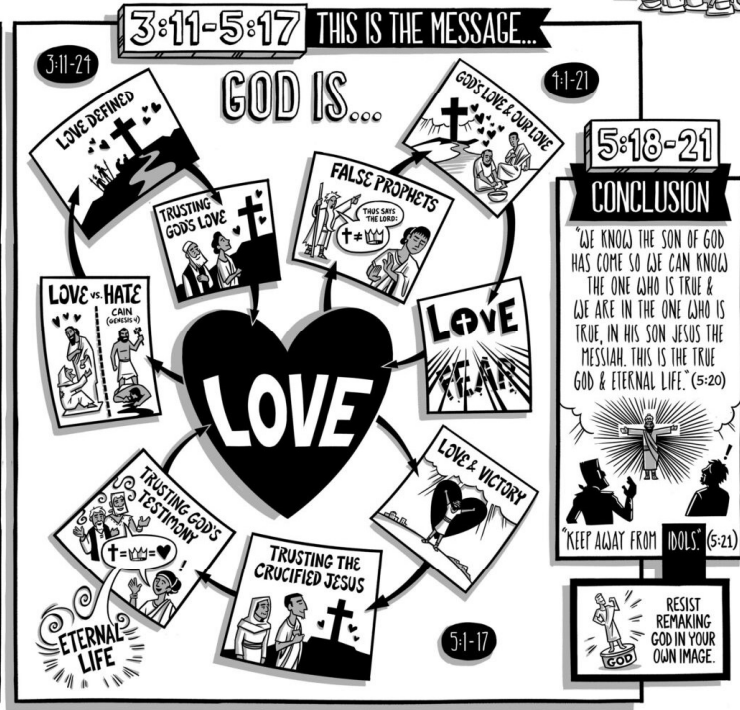
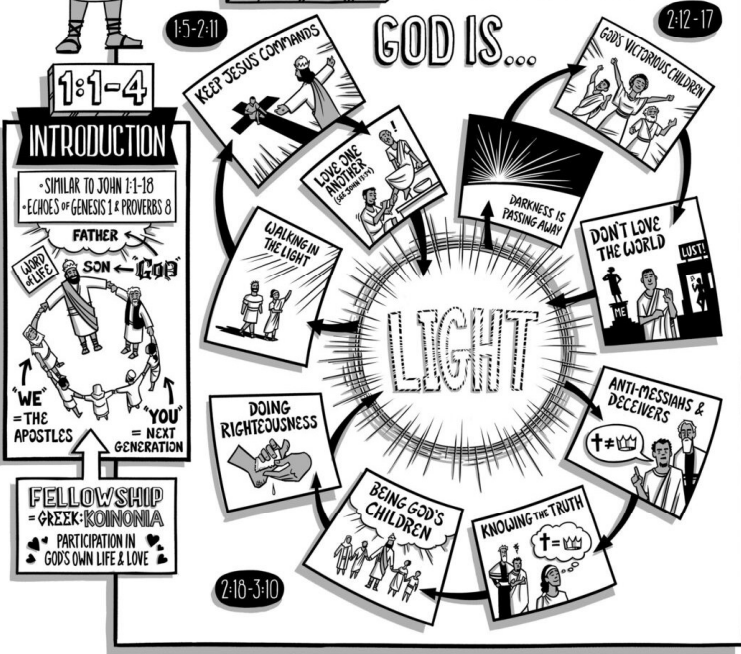
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 1, 2, 3, THERE, BUT NOT THUS, 3...

"AMPLIFICATION"
 LIFE LOVE TRUTH
 • CYCLICAL REPETITION
 • HYPERBOLE
 • STARK CONTRASTS



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

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



2 JOHN

DEAR CHURCH, IF THE 'DECEIVERS' COME TO YOUR CHURCH...
 ...DON'T OFFER THEM SUPPORT.

3 JOHN

DEAR GAIUS, WELCOME THE BROTHERS...
 ...DON'T BE LIKE DIOTREPHES.

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