



*First John*

abiding faith

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# Why was 1 John written?

So that the recipients of the letter would experience fellowship with other believers and with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. (1:1-3)



# John recognized two primary threats to this fellowship:

1. Allowing sin to rule us
2. Allowing false teachers to deceive us



## Acts 20:28-30

<sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my



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departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.



# Amplification

"Amplification involves repeating a word or expression while adding more detail to it, in order to emphasize what might otherwise be passed over."



# Amplification of Contrasting Imagery

- light and darkness (1:5-7; 2:8-11)
- love and hate (2:9-11; 3:11-15; 4:20)
- truth and lies (1:6-7; 2:4, 21-27; 4:6)
- righteousness and sin (2:1; 3:4-10)



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proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and



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with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say



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we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have



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no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.



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## John 3:29

<sup>29</sup> The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this **joy of mine is now complete.**



Q: Is your completed joy to see others  
come into fellowship with the Lord?



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# Application

1. If you're having a hard time forgiving someone, remember you belong to the fellowship of the forgiven much.
2. If your fellowship is getting stale, fight to bring it back to being God glorifying, Christ-centered, and Spirit empowered.

