

Main Idea: That you may know the love of God and believe in Him and have eternal life through Him

Context of 1 John

- **Author:** John
- **Audience:** Christian Churches in the area surrounding Ephesus
- **Situation:** Calling all Christians back to obedient living in Christ

Love the Word not the World

- Christ is our advocate (2:1-2)
- The light of Christ brings life (2:8-10)
- The world is fleeting (2:15-18)

God Himself is Love

- Love one another (4:7-8)
- Given the Spirit (4:13)
- Love casts out all fear (4:18-20)

Walk in the Truth

- Hold fast to Jesus' commandment (2 John 5-6)
- Abide in the true Word of God (2 John 9-11 & 3 John 11-12)
- Send in Faith (3 John 6-8)

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Discussion Guide

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Intro Question: What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word love?

Teaching Part 1

Love the Word not the World

Read John 1:1-18 Why is it important to us that God has been made known to us through His son? With that in mind, what does it mean to love the Word of God? Christ came and fulfilled the promises of the Old Testament, fulfilling the law that was given to Moses. We get to know the Glory of God through His Word, and knowing that the Word of Christ is now given to us in the Bible, the inspired work of the Holy Spirit.

God Himself is Love

How does knowing that the God we trust is love give us this peace and remove the fear from our hearts? Have you seen this in your own life, how?

Knowing that God is love and He loves us, He has called us His children causes us to be satisfied in what we have been forgiven and given. Even if we still are fearful whenever we share our faith with people who disagree with us, are we able to overcome that fear knowing that Christ is more worthy. This is what it means to not fear, by even if we feel a sense of fear we don't let it hinder us.

Walk in the truth

Read 2 John 7-11 Do you know of any people in the world that John would consider to be “deceivers”? What are they deceiving people about?

Read 3 John 5-8 What does missionary outreach look like to you? How can we be on mission where we are right now?

Answer to Remember: The letters of the New Testament are God's inspired instructions to His people about the gospel, the Christian life, and the Church.

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[ESV Study Bible: Introduction to 1 John](#)

[ESV Study Bible: Introduction to 2 John](#)

[ESV Study Bible: Introduction to 3 John](#)