

I JOHN

Fellowship of God and His Children

AUTHOR

John, son of Zebedee (Matt.4:21)

- One of the “sons of thunder”
- “The Beloved Disciple”
- Served as the pastor in Ephesus

DATE A.D. 85-90

- John is probably the only living apostle at this time

THEME

“BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE”

Four main purposes of this book:

1. To promote joy (1:4)
2. To prevent sin (2:1)
3. To protect saints (2:26)
4. To provide assurance (5:13)

OUTLINE

See Baxter’s *Explore the Book* Outline

KEY WORDS

- Father (13 times)
- Children (11 times)
- Fellowship
- Spirit (8 times)
- Love (23 times)

KEY VERSE

I John 1:7

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

SPECIAL FEATURES

I John is a sequel to John’s gospel account (John 20:31; I John 5:13)

I John gives the “Birthmarks of a Believer”:

1. Obedience (2:3-6)
2. Love (3:14-19)
3. Truth (4:1-6)
4. Holy Spirit (4:13)
5. Witness within (5:9-13)

CHRIST IN THE BOOK

1. Christ is the “Word of life” – (1:1)
2. Christ is our righteous Advocate with the Father (2:1)
3. Christ is the One who has come in the flesh (4:2-3)