

1 John 1

(and a little bit of 2)

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Goals

As follows:

- . Check to see who did their homework
- . Give context to 1 John
- . Apply to KBC

Context

1. Who wrote this epistle?

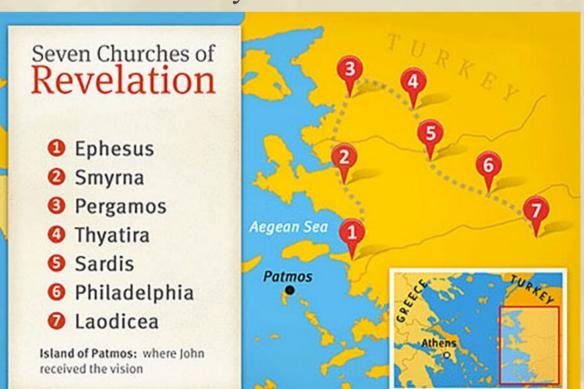
Although there is no indication of author in the text of the letter, early Christian writers (like Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, and Tertullian) assign authorship to John the Apostle.

2. To whom did John write the epistle?

To the churches of the Western Turkey as referred to in the first three chapters of

Revelation





Context

3. What is the purpose of this epistle?

It is difficult to assign a singular purpose to this epistle for reasons we will discuss in the next question, but in John's own words:

- 1 John 1:4- These things we write, so that <u>our joy may be</u> <u>made complete</u>.
- 1 John 2:26 **These things I have written** to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.
- 1 John 5:13 **These things I have written** to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

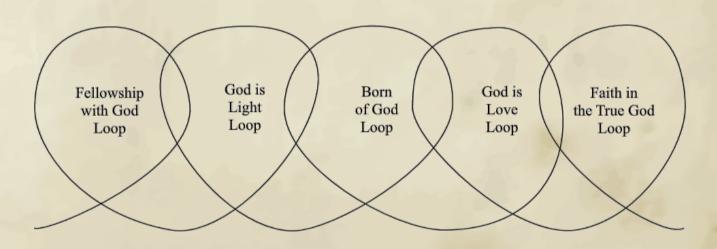
The Way 1 John is Written



Topic

- 1. Subtopic 1
- Support 1
- Support 2
- 2. Subtopic 2
- Support 1
- Support 2
- 3. Subtopic 3
- Support 1
- Support 2

1 John's Cyclical Logic

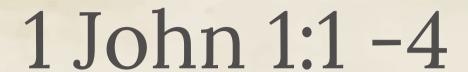


Shared Themes: Truth, Love, Abiding, Sin Problem

1 John Key Word/Phrase Scatter Plot

	1	2	3	4	5
Theology Statement	⇔God is Light ⇔			♥ God is Love ♥	✓This is the True God✓
Light	\$\$\$	\$\phi\phi\phi			
Love	*	Y YYYY	Y YYYYY	*****	****
Beloved	*		*	* * *	
Truth	√ √	✓	√ √	✓	✓
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Confidence		✓	✓	✓	✓
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1 ¹ What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—² and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—³ what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.





1 John 1:1 -4



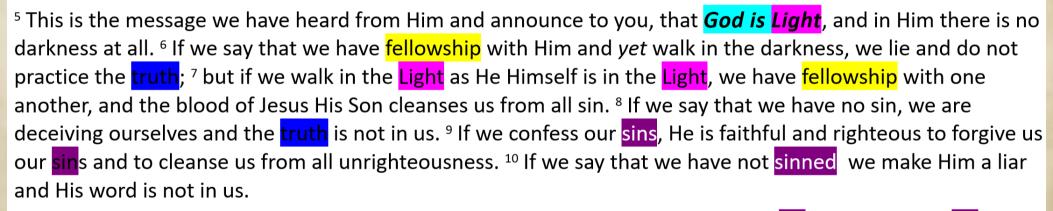
Observations:

- 1. The Word is Christ and is described as a concrete object.
- 2. The outreach in the end of the verse—OUR joy complete
- 3. The struggle of the early church: Gnosticism

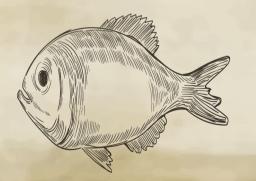








2 ¹ *My líttle children*, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world. ³ By this we 'know that we have come to know



1 John 1:5 - 2:2

Observations:

- 1. Theological Statement: God is Light
- 2. We have a Boundary between Light and Darkness
- 3. The Three Denials of Light
- 4. Propitiation
- 5. We have Fellowship in the Light



Use you imagination:

A pure white board and someone took a covered it in thick, black INK



Application

How do We Live in the Light?

- Use you imagination:

a Pure White Board and someone took a

covered it in INK

"The Board is still white.."

"Board has no ink"

"The board never had ink on it. It's art!"



Application

Verse 2:1- "you may not sin."

Tall order, but we have Christ as our advocate

We are quick to confess but difficult to forgive ourselves



We are <u>cleansed</u> when we confess our sins and we are fit for His work.

