

THE FIRST BOOK OF JOHN

OT/NT: New Testament

SECTION: General Letters

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: John

KEY PEOPLE: Paul, Peter.

SUMMARY: Canonically, the First Book of John is the sixty-second book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the fourth of seven [General Letters](#) (2) and the twenty-third book of the [New Testament](#) (3). Its purpose was to warn about the increasing threat of [false teachers](#) (4) and to reassure Christians of their faith and [love](#) (5) in [Jesus Christ](#) (6) (a).

Written by [John the Elder](#) (7) to house church believers, 1 John, [2 John](#), and [3 John](#) (8) echo the [Gospel of John](#) (9). They emphasize that God is light and love and every true believer will demonstrate God's light and love. Each book also addresses deceivers, teachers who no longer acknowledge that Jesus is the [Messiah](#) (10) or Son of God but spread fear and division among believers.

All legitimate teachers will share the Truth ([John 14:6](#)) about Jesus and the [Cross](#) (11), love others sacrificially and spread love and light rather than fear. He also reminds believers to welcome true missionaries who teach the message of the Cross and love others. They should not welcome deceivers or make idols of anything that exalts itself in God's place (b).

COMING UP: Next up is the Second Book of John (12). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-word-of-god>
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- (3) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/new-testament>
- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/false-teachers>
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- (6) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>
- (7) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/apostle-john>
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- (9) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/john>
- (10) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-the-messiah>
- (11) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/obituary-of-jesus>
- (12) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/2-john>

PAGE SOURCES:

- (a) http://biblehub.com/summary/1_john/1.htm
- (b) <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/1-3-john/>

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