

# 1 John

- Written between AD 85 and 95
- John very old then...
- The “beloved disciple”
- He just stated truth...
- Paul’s key words are faith, hope & love, while John’s key words are:  
**LIGHT, LOVE, LIGHT...**
- Love is a practical TRUTH of Christianity and a practical TEST of Christianity...

# Why written...

1. That they might **be happy** (1:4)
2. That they might **not sin** (2:1)
3. That they might **be on guard** (2:26)
4. That they may **KNOW** (5:13)

# **1 John - *Overview***

## **Experiencing...**

- the LIGHT of God (1-2)**
- the LOVE of God (3-4)**
- the LIFE of God (5)**



- Experiencing the LIGHT of God (1-2)
  - Communion with God Observed (1:1-2:2)
  - Commandments of God Obeyed (2:3-11)
  - Commendation of God Obtained (2:12-29)

## Experiencing the LOVE of God (3-4)

- Love that is PURE (3:1-9)
- Love that is PRACTICAL (3:10-24)
- Love that is PERFECT (4:1-21)

## • Experiencing the LIFE of God (5)

- The Life Received (5:1-5)
- The Life Recorded (5:6-12)
- The Life Revealed (5:13-21)

# God is...

- God is **LIGHT** (1:5)
- God is **LOVE** (4:8,16)
- God is **RIGHTEOUS** (2:29)
- God is **LIFE** (5:11-12)
- God is **TRUTH** (2 John)
- God is **GOOD** (3 John)



# **7 TESTS of Christian Genuineness**

**1:6 – “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie.”**

**1:8 – “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”**

**1:10 – “If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”**

**2:4 – “He that saith I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar.”**

**2:6 – “He that saith he abideth in Him ought to walk even as He walked.”**

**2:9 – “He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in the darkness.”**

**4:20 – “If a man say I love God; and hateth his brother, he is a liar.”**

# 7 Signs of Christian behaviour...

1. Walk in the light (1:6)
2. Admit you are a sinner (1:8)
3. Obey God's will (2:4)
4. Imitate Christ (2:6)
5. Love others (2:9)
6. Love not the world (2:15)
7. Prove Christ righteous by your LIFE, your DEEDS (2:22)





Life expressed in Love and  
tested by Light...

The Law of the Fellowship  
of the Church is that of  
**LIFE** expressed in **LOVE**  
tested by **LIGHT**...