

1 John – Introduction

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A. Reasons for Studying 1 John

1. The Purposes of the Book

- Address false teachings
1 John 1:6, 1 John 4:1-2, 1 John 1:1-2
- Provide full enjoyment and assurance of one's salvation
1 John 1:4, 1 John 5:13
- Teach the foundations of the Christian life
1 John 5:20

2. The foundations for growth in and walking with Christ

- Fellowship with God and other Christians
1 John 1:3
- Joy in the Christian life
1 John 1:4
- Character of God
1 John 1:5, 1 John 4:8
- Offices of Christ
 - High Priest
 - Ruling King
 - Teaching Prophet
- Separation from the world
1 John 2:15
- Holy living
1 John 2:15
- Love for other Christians
1 John 3:7-9

B. Background and Comparison

1. Author: The Apostle John

2. Place and time the Book was written

3. Comparison with John's Gospel

- Love
John 13:34-35, John 17:23, 1 John 3:1, 1 John 4:7-8
- Fellowship
John 1:1-2, John 1:12, 1 John 1:3
- Joy
John 15:11, 1 John 1:4