

Outline of 1st John

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 - 1. Christ witnessed. (1:1)
 - 2. Christ manifested. (1:2)
 - 3. Christ proclaimed. (1:3a)
 - 4. Goal of apostolic writings. (1:3b-4)
- D. Abiding part 1 (1:5-2:17)
 - 1. God is Light. (1:5)
 - 2. Walking in the Light. (1:6-7)
 - 3. Dealing with sin. (1:8-2:2)
 - 4. Coming to know God by keeping His Word. (2:3-6)
 - 5. Loving one another. (2:7-11)
 - 6. Spiritual growth. (2:12-14)
 - 7. Not loving the world. (2:15-17)
- E. Characteristics of the antichrists. (2:18-23)
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 - 2. Abiding in the promise of eternal life. (2:25-26)
 - 3. Abiding in Christ and looking for His coming. (2:27-28)
- G. Characteristics of the children of God. (2:29-3:24)
 - 1. Begotten of God, we are His children. (2:29-3:1)
 - 2. Purity in anticipation of His appearing. (3:2-3)
 - 3. Righteousness vs. sin. (3:4-10a)
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 - 1. Love is from God. (4:7-8)
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 - 3. Love one another. (4:11-12)
 - 4. Abiding in God. (4:13-15)
 - 5. Love perfected. (4:16-18)
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 - 1. It is unanimous. (5:6-10)
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 - 1. Confidence in our eternal life. (5:13)
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