

# John

- He is the disciple of Jesus, spend mostly his time with Jesus. He is the witness of the truth about Jesus.

**I John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life**

**John 21:24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true**

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- He described himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved.  
He is the apostle of love as love is mentioned throughout the letter  
**John 20:2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”**
- He used simple words and sharp contrasts, like light and darkness, truth and error, God and Satan, life and death, love and hate

## 2 and 3 John

- Apostle John, the disciple
- AD 90 from Ephesus
- 2 John written for the local church:
  - to emphasize to follow Christ by walking in the Truth and Love
  - to warn against false teachers
- 3 John written for Gaius:
  - to commend Gaius for his hospitality and to encourage him in his Christian life

# False Teachings

- Gnosticism, Docetism, Cerinthianism, Asceticism  
Reject the humanity of Christ and the salvation by Christ
- Evolving from John's time until today
- They are called deceiver (deliver falsehood) and antichrist (2 John 1:7)
- Those do not abide in the teaching of Christ, do not have God (2 John 1:9)
- If anyone comes to you and does not bring the right teaching, do not receive him into your house or greet him, those who greet him take part in his wicked works (2 John 1:10-11)

# Walking in the Truth

- 2 John 1:4

I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.

- 3 John 1:4

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

# Walking in the Truth

- Walking with right understanding about Jesus Christ.  
Jesus Christ is the Father's Son, Jesus both God and man (I John 2:21-23) and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin (I John 1:7)
- Walking in the light and not walking in darkness (I John 1:6).  
He cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God (I John 3:9)
- Walking daily with God, obey his commandments (I John 5:2) and do what pleases Him (I John 3:22).

# Walking in Love

- 2 John 1:6 (NIV)

And this is love that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

# Walking in Love

- Walking with knowing that Jesus Christ loves us.  
He has laid down his life for us (I John 3:16)  
God sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins (I John 4:10)  
God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him (I John 4:9)
- Walking with understanding that God is love.  
Anyone who does not love does not know God (1 John 4:8)
- Walking in loving one another .  
No one has ever seen God, if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us (I John 4:12)

# Gaius

- John commended Gaius as faithful and selfless servants as they showed hospitality to traveling teachers, missionaries and Christian workers.
- John warned against people like Diotrophes who refused to offer hospitality and full of pride and self-proclaimed church leader.