

**1 John**

**1:1-2** What do these verses teach us about Jesus?

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**1:3** What is Christian fellowship?

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**1:4** What is Christian joy?

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## 1 John Outline (MacArthur)

- I. The Fundamental Tests of Genuine Fellowship — SPIRAL I (1:1-2:17)
  - A. The Fundamental Tests of Doctrine (1:1-2:2)
    - 1. A biblical view of Christ (1:1-4)
    - 2. A biblical view of sin (1:5-2:2)
  - B. The Fundamental Tests of Morals (2:3-17)
    - 1. A biblical view of obedience (2:3-6)
    - 2. A biblical view of love (2:7-17)
      - a. The love that God requires (2:7-11)
      - b. The love that God hates (2:12-17)
- II. The Fundamental Tests of Genuine Fellowship — SPIRAL II (2:18-3:24)
  - A. Part 2 of the Doctrinal Test (2:18-27)
    - 1. Antichrists depart from Christian fellowship (2:18-21)
    - 2. Antichrists deny the Christian faith (2:22-25)
    - 3. Antichrists deceive the Christian faithful (2:26-27)
  - B. Part 2 of the Moral Test (2:28-3:24)
    - 1. The purifying hope of the Lord's return (2:28-3:3)
    - 2. The Christian's incompatibility with sin (3:4-24)
      - a. The requirement of righteousness (3:4-10)
      - b. The requirement of love (3:11-24)
- III. The Fundamental Tests of Genuine Fellowship — SPIRAL III (4:1-21)
  - A. Part 3 of the Doctrinal Test (4:1-6)
    - 1. The demonic source of false doctrine (4:1-3)
    - 2. The need for sound doctrine (4:4-6)
  - B. Part 3 of the Moral Test (4:7-21)
    - 1. God's character of love (4:7-10)
    - 2. God's requirement of love (4:11-21)
- IV. The Fundamental Tests of Genuine Fellowship — SPIRAL IV (5:1-21)
  - A. The Victorious Life in Christ (5:1-5)
  - B. The Witness of God for Christ (5:6-12)
  - C. Christian Certainties Because of Christ (5:13-21)
    - 1. The certainty of eternal life (5:13)
    - 2. The certainty of answered prayer (5:14-17)
    - 3. The certainty of victory over sin and Satan (5:18-21)

## 1 John Outline (Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

### Part One: The Basis of Fellowship (1:1-2:27)

#### I. Introduction 1:1-4

#### II. The Conditions for Fellowship 1:5-2:14

A. Walk in the Light 1:5-7

B. Confession of Sin 1:8-2:2

C. Obedience to His Commandments 2:3-6

D. Love for One Another 2:7-14

#### III. The Cautions to Fellowship 2:15-27

A. Love of the World 2:15-17

B. Spirit of the Antichrist 2:18-27

### Part Two: The Behavior of Fellowship (2:28-5:21)

#### I. Characteristics of Fellowship 2:28-5:3

A. Purity of Life 2:28-3:3

B. Practice of Righteousness 3:4-12

C. Love in Deed and Truth 3:13-24

D. Testing the Spirits 4:1-6

E. Love as Christ Loved 4:7-5:3

#### II. Consequences of Fellowship 5:4-21

A. Victory over the World 5:4-5

B. Assurance of Salvation 5:6-13

C. Guidance in Prayer 5:14-17

D. Freedom from Habitual Sin 5:18-21