



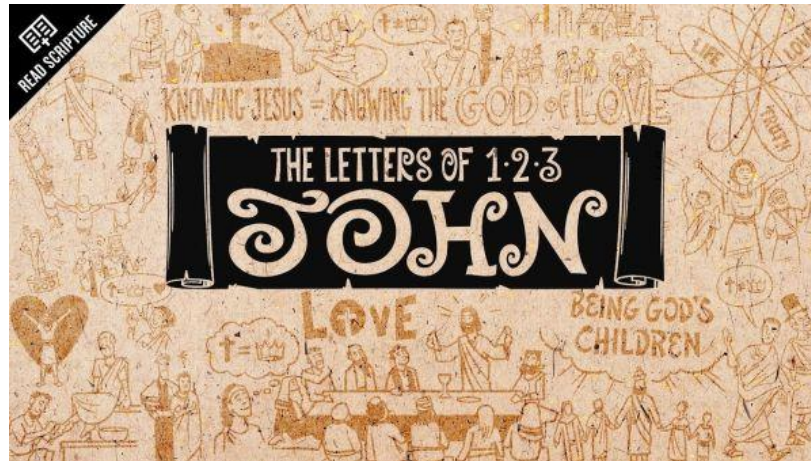
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Title: Bible – Books – John1/John2/John3

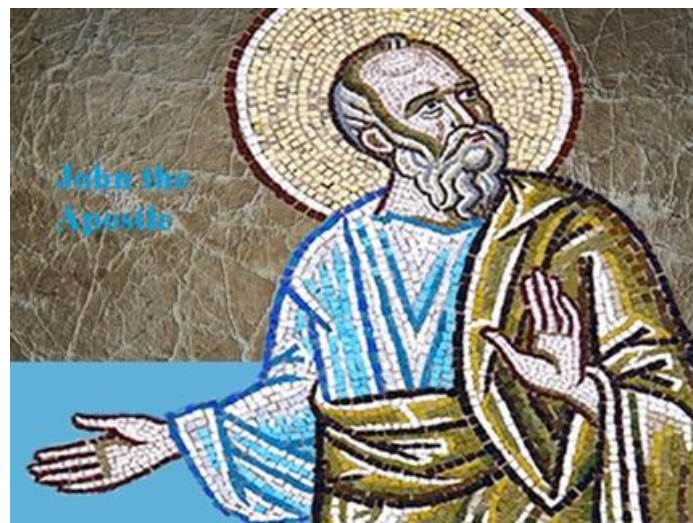
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1, 2, and 3 John are three New Testament letters attributed to the apostle John, focusing on core Christian beliefs and practices. First John emphasizes the importance of love, truth, and obedience as hallmarks of a genuine Christian life and warns against false teachings. Second John continues this theme, specifically addressing a church and urging them to reject false teachers who deny Jesus's incarnation. Third John praises Gaius for his faithfulness and hospitality while criticizing Diotrephes for his arrogance and opposition to those spreading the gospel.



First John Key Themes:



Love:

The letter highlights the importance of loving God and loving one another as a defining characteristic of true Christians.

Truth:

John stresses the importance of adhering to the truth about Jesus Christ and his teachings, contrasting it with false doctrines and the deception of the world.

Fellowship:

The book emphasizes the idea of fellowship with God and with other believers, urging Christians to live in unity and mutual support.

Tests of Faith:

John provides several tests by which believers can assess the genuineness of their faith, including their love for others, their obedience to God's commandments, and their belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

Warning Against False Teachings:

The letter confronts a form of early Gnostic heresy that denied Jesus' humanity and promoted a libertine lifestyle, urging believers to discern truth from error.

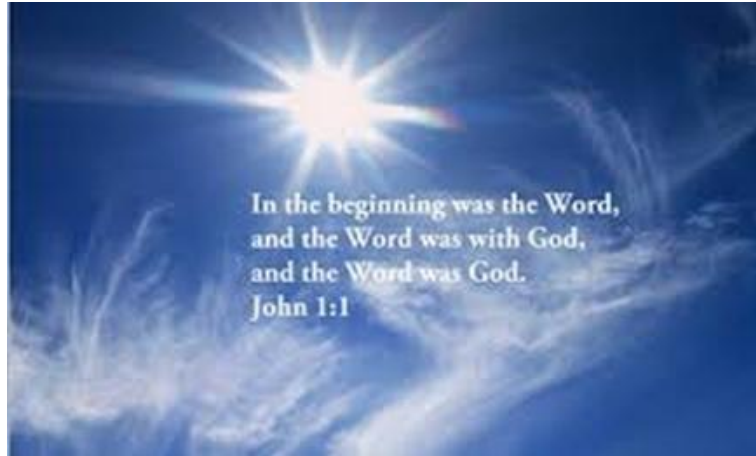
First John Best Verses:

1 John 1:7

but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.



1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 3:4

Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

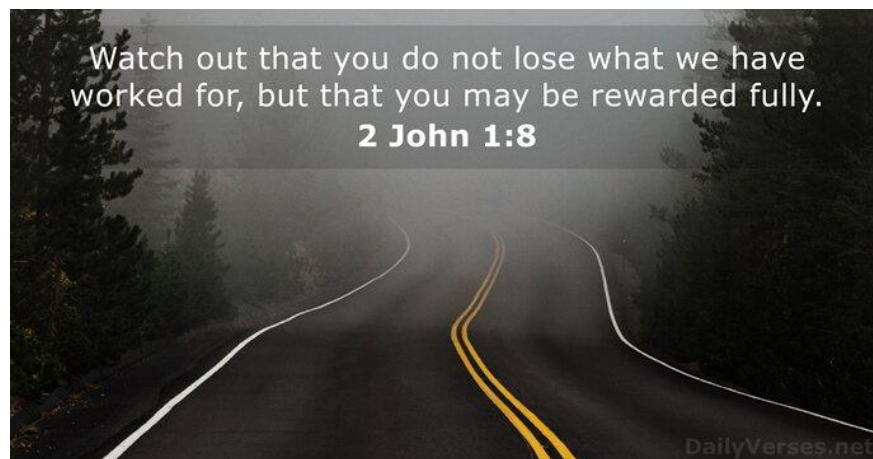
1 John 4:9

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

Second John Key Themes:

Truth and Love:

2 John highlights that genuine love for God and others must be grounded in truth, specifically the truth of the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus. The author urges believers to "walk in truth" and to love one another, demonstrating that these two are interconnected.



Discernment and False Teachers:

A central theme is the warning against false teachers who deny the incarnation of Jesus and spread deceptive teachings. The book stresses the importance of recognizing and avoiding these individuals, as they pose a threat to the church's understanding of the truth.

Hospitality and Discernment:

While 2 John emphasizes the importance of love and hospitality, it also highlights the need for discernment. Christians are called to be loving and welcoming, but not at the expense of compromising truth or supporting those who deny the core tenets of the faith.

Walking in Obedience:

The book connects truth and love with obedience to God's commandments. It emphasizes that true believers will live in accordance with God's teachings, demonstrating their love through their actions.

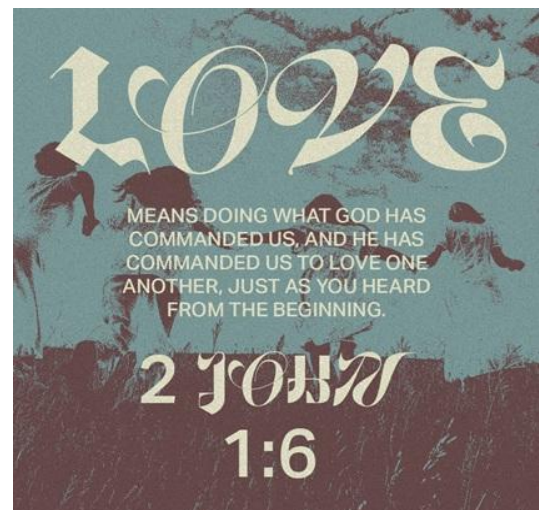
Second John Best Verses:

2 John 1:9

“Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.”

2 John 1:12

“Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.”



Third John Key Theme:

The primary theme of Third John revolves around the importance of hospitality and support for traveling Christian missionaries. The letter emphasizes the need for the church to welcome and assist those who preach the Gospel, contrasting the positive example of Gaius with the negative behavior of Diotrephes, who rejects authority and refuses to welcome fellow believers. This theme underscores the significance of community support and the dangers of pride and division within the church.



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