

# Harvest

## Presbyterian Church

*- 1, 2 & 3 John -*

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## *New Testament*

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1 & 2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 & 2 Thessalonians

1 & 2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 & 2 Peter

1, 2 & 3 John

Jude

Revelation

1, 2 & 3 John -

# 1, 2 & 3 John – Author

One of the disciples ...

*And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.*

[ Mark 1.19-20 ]

# 1, 2 & 3 John – Author

Slightly presumptuous ...

*And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”*

[ Mark 10.35-7 ]

# 1, 2 & 3 John – Author

Trusted brother ...

*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.*

**[ John 19.26-27 ]**

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- *Gospel of John*

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Persecuted Author ...

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- *Revelation*

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*From Foxe's Book of Martyrs:*

*In this persecution [that of Domitian], John, the apostle and evangelist, was exiled by the said Domitian into Patmos. After the death of Domitian, he being slain and his acts repealed by the senate, John was released, and came to Ephesus in the year fourscore and seventeen [ $\approx$  AD 97]; where he continued until the time of Trajan, and there governed the churches in Asia, where also he wrote his Gospel; and so lived till the year after the passion of our Lord, threescore and eight [ $\approx$  AD 101/2], which was the year of his age about one hundred.*

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A Beloved Disciple ...

[ John 21.20-24 ]

# 1, 2 & 3 John – Author

A Beloved Disciple ...

*‘the disciple whom Jesus loved’  
(4x in Gospel)*

# 1, 2 & 3 John – Author

## ‘Love’

- in its noun & verb forms, *love*, appears 33x in the Gospel of John
- in 1 John, *love*, appears 31x!
- 6 more times in 2 & 3 John
- by comparison, 1 Corinthians – 13x  
Ephesians – 15x

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...

*and wanted other people  
to know that love, too*

# 1 John – Purpose

~ 5.13 ~

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~ OR ~  
*is ‘abiding in God’?*

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True Doctrine (*believe*–7x; *know/ing*–21x)

- 1.1-3
- 2.22-5
- 4.1-3
- 5.10-13, 20

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Obedient Living (*sin/ning*-19x; 'command'-10x)

1. *Not sinning:*

- 1.7-2.6
- 3.4-10

# How can one KNOW ... ?

Obedient Living ('love'—33x)

2. *Loving:*

- 3.11-18
- 4.7-21
- 5.1-3



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...

*believers, therefore, walk  
in light & in love*

# 1 John – Summary

3.23-4

*And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.*

# 2 John – Purpose

An emphasis on *love & the truth* ...

[ vv1-6 ]

# 2 John – Purpose

Counsel to avoid false teachers ...

*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. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, 11 for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.*



# 3 John – Purpose

Again, relation of truth & love ...

[vv1-4]

# 3 John – Purpose

Praise & encouragement for faithful ministers

[vv 5-8 & 12]

# 3 John – Purpose

Against Diotrephes ...

[ vv 9-11 ]

# 1, 2 & 3 John

*Genuine belief in what God has done in Jesus demonstrates itself ...*

- ~ in love for God*
- ~ in obedient, holy living*
- ~ in love for other people*
- ~ in discernment*

*This is what it looks like to 'have eternal life', 'to abide in God', 'to have been born again'.*

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