

1 John

(A General Epistle)

Author: The Apostle John (the beloved disciple)

Place of Writing: Ephesus in Asia Minor (modern Turkey)

Recipients: Churches in crisis in Asia Minor

Date: A.D. 85-100

Occasion: to help various Christian communities to

- 1) combat the propaganda of false teachers.
- 2) reassure believers.

Purposes for writing: to provide tests for assurance.

- 1) To promote true joy in the child of God (1:4).
- 2) To prevent the child of God from sinning (2:1).
- 3) To protect the child of God from false teachers (2:26).
- * 4) To provide assurance of salvation for the child of God (5:13).

- You must think correctly about Jesus (doctrinal test).
- You must think correctly about sin (moral test).
- You must think correctly about love (ethical test).

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