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## COMMENTARIES AND OTHER RESOURCES ARCHIVE.ORG

**Explanation** - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click [archive.org](#) and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean ([Acts 17:11+](#)) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

## COMMENTARIES ON JOHN'S EPISTLES

Note: Not in any particular order.

[The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version](#) 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation. - Helpful notes.

[The Letters of John : an Introduction and Commentary \(Tyndale New Testament Commentaries\)](#) by Stott, John R. W (1988) 244 pages. [89 ratings](#)

[Tim Challies](#) - John Stott is always an able commentator and his volume in the TNTC is no exception. Carson praises it as "one of the most useful conservative commentaries on these epistles, so far as the preacher is concerned" and says "it is packed with both exegetical comments and thoughtful application." The TNTC is targeted squarely at a general audience, so both pastors and interesting general readers will find it tremendously beneficial. If you are looking for a commentary to guide you as you read John's epistles devotionally, this is probably the one you want.

James Rosscup - Here is a recent lucid, stimulating work by a gifted writer who has served as rector of the All

Souls (Anglican) Church, Langham Place, London. Several New Testament scholars have hailed it as an outstanding commentary from the standpoint of exegesis, exposition and warm application. It was listed among 22 "Choice Evangelical Books of 1964" in Christianity Today (February 12, 1965, p. 16). Stott displays a vast breadth of reading in the best conservative works on the Johannine epistles. This 1988 version updates the 1964 original.

[Epistles of John & Jude : a self-study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

[The Johannine Epistles : based on the Revised Standard version](#) by Grayston, Kenneth

Cyril Barber - New Century Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1984. Following a brief but adequate introduction, Grayson reappraises Johannine scholarship, and though some of his views differ from those of others who have written on these epistles, readers are nevertheless treated to a discussion that is spiritually stimulating and culturally apropos.

[The Expositor's Bible Commentary](#) - 1994 edition - Abridged - New Testament

[1-3 John](#) by Thompson, Marianne Meye -- [see below](#)

James Rosscup - A lucid 168-pp., crisp exposition with some application in a flow for popular, general use. In a number of verses the book helps, at others it frustrates due to passing by views and reasons, or lacks sufficient comments. Much generalizing leaves an impression that in order to be seen as saved one must live an ideally perfect life (cf. 43), yet at other points one reads that Christians sin (45). The work has a healthy clarity that real grace, distinct from cheap so-called (but not genuine) grace (51) elicits confession of sin and seeking obedience to God. Such a life with God helps one's assurance to be a properly experienced reality, as in 2:3 (51), even this by grace. Some statements are quite helpful, as "righteous conduct does not make us God's children. Rather, such conduct is the consequence or expression of a relationship that already exists" after rebirth (87). Many issues are left in a blur, for instance "God's seed remains" (3:9).

[The Epistles of John](#) by Hobbs, Herschel H

[The Bible Exposition Commentary](#) - Ephesians through Revelation - Warren Wiersbe

**Rosscup** - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses, handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

[The letters of John the Apostle : an in-depth commentary](#) by Burdick, Donald W

James Rosscup - This is far more detailed in getting at issues than his Everyman's Commentary effort of 1970. It is a diligent conservative product on Greek syntax, word meaning and theology, and follows the line of thought through the epistles well. The introduction (pp. 3-92) takes up the background, authorship, date, place, recipients, occasion, purpose, character and content of I John. Later, he also has introductions to II and III John. He believes that I John gives grounds for assurance, tests of practice that can provide valid assurance (cf. pp. 81-82). Though copious in aspects of grammar that open up the books, Burdick is more lucid than Westcott's helpful exegetical work of the past, and certainly one of the best now on the Greek. At some points one ought to go to longer discussions of views and issues in Brown, and also consult Brooke, Marshall, Plummer, Smalley, and Strecker etc. on technical matters, Marshall and Smalley also for more on studies of recent years.

Cyril Barber - Written for laypeople. This work is designed to lay bare the meaning of John's letters for his own time and ours as well. Clear and cogent.

[The Epistles of John](#) by Burdick, Donald W

James Rosscup - A part of the Everyman's Bible Commentary series, this work by a careful evangelical New Testament scholar from Denver Seminary is quite perceptive on problems and good as a brief commentary.

[1, 2, 3 John : Bible study commentary](#) by Vaughan, Curtis

[The Epistles of John](#) by Marshall, I. Howard, author

James Rosscup - Like Ryrie and Stott, Marshall has keen ability to follow the thought of a book and articulate it with clarity. He often is helpful on stating views gleaned from the literature and is up-to-date. His use of the

Greek, good footnotes, and detail on many of the problem verses make this a very good evangelical commentary by one of the best New Testament scholars in the British Isles (ca. 2001 he retired from being head of the New Testament Department at King's College, University of Aberdeen, Scotland).

[1, 2, 3 John - Morris, Leon. "New Bible Commentary Revised](#), ed. D. Guthrie et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970.

Cyril Barber - An extensive introduction that adequately surveys the historical and textual background of these letters is followed by a careful exposition of John's epistles in the order in which they were written. Provides interested readers with a complete and satisfying treatment. 2

[1, 2, and 3 John](#) by Johnson, Thomas Floyd - New International Biblical Commentary

James Rosscup - Johnson identifies the writer of the Gospel of John as "The disciple whom Jesus loved" (20:20, 24), but sees these epistles as by an "elder," a different man (2). The concise verse comments are usually clear and well-reasoned, showing the idea of the Greek with Greek words transliterated, and with explanations of word meaning and grammar. Sections of added notes in smaller print take up some details. Some problems receive discussion, some are bypassed, in the latter category limited or unlimited atonement in I John 2:2, or interpretations of 2:12–14, or 5:16 (where much is not explained or not explained well). True, the commentary quite often is helpful, but uneven, and not one of the better all-around works one can more consistently count on.

[The message of John's letters : living in the love of God](#) by Jackman, David

Cyril Barber - Relates the message of these letters to the moral issues and theological climate of John's day. Builds upon Stott's cyclical (or spiral) theme of the content of the first letter, and treats the other letters as emphasizing truth and love. A noteworthy contribution.

[1, 2, 3 John](#) by Smalley, Stephen S - Word Biblical Commentary

James Rosscup - This ranks high with Brown, Burdick and Marshall in recent years. Smalley is excellent in helping the reader be up on views and arguments from recent years, drawn from massive research, and is second only to Brown in this regard. He is usually quite full in discussing issues so that he offers much help on verses, and does so with clarity, directness and confidence. He delves into changes in tense, many of the syntactical aspects, and doctrine. He sees the author of II and III John as John the presbyter, a Christian in the Johannine circle, and this same man may also have written I John, all in the A. D. 90's. Smalley often makes good choices on views, and tends to give definite reasons for them. He sees charisma (2:20, 27) as both the Spirit and the Word; 3:4–10 relates to a potential state without sin, but in practice Christians do sin (1:8–2:2). Sin in 5:16–17 is apostasy, willful disobedience, etc. He is not clear on whether the saved can lose salvation.

Cyril Barber - This is a scholarly work that is well deserving of careful reading. Following a thorough introduction (pp. xvii-xxxiv), Smalley treats his readers to a word-by-word or phrase-by-phrase exposition. His comments are judicious as well as insightful. This volume, for all its merit, shares the limitations of the series. It is well researched and exegetically helpful but manifests a weakness in treating the theme of these letters and fails to complete what has been begun by applying the teaching of the passage to the life of the reader

[Exploring 1, 2, 3 John](#) by Vines, Jerry

Cyril Barber - This work will be warmly received by Bible students of all persuasions. Vines deals admirably with the theme of each of John's letters. The way in which he has outlined, illustrated, and expounded each section makes his application of the truth to life easy to grasp. Recommended.

[The Epistles of John](#) by Brown, Raymond Edward

James Rosscup - Many rate this as the best work on these epistles in view of its extensive discussion of issues and the skill in which the famous Roman Catholic scholar handles so many aspects. He is highly-informed exegetically, full in consideration of views and lines of reasoning, and has a tone of respect for the truthfulness and relevance of the message. If the expositor, teacher or lay person wants a commentary that looks at just about every side of a matter in a readable manner and with authoritative grasp of the literature, he will consult this work. The same is true of Brown's detailed commentary on the Gospel of John. Brown, however, will not always agree with a reader's convictions, as when he favors John the Presbyter as the author. The sheer length will not please some, but the diligent and serious will find the source very useful.

Cyril Barber - †Meticulous in detail, exhaustive in analysis, persuasive in argument, this study provides the

best answers available to questions and controversies that have troubled scholars and nonscholars alike ever since these epistles first saw the light of day. In addition to the superb analysis, Brown also brings to life those to whom these letters were sent, reminding us that the epistles were written by a person for real people of the first century A.D. A model of biblical study

[life at its best](#) 1 John by roy l. laurin

Cyril Barber - First published in 1957, this work provides lay readers with a commendable application of the text to the needs of Christians today. Practical.

[open letter to evangelicals](#) by r.e.o. white

James Rosscup - A Baptist minister presents both a commentary with occasional deep insight and some penetrating applications to spiritual life, ethics, and other particulars. It is a verse-by-verse devotional and homiletical exposition which sometimes deals with problems including the difficult passage in 3:4–10.

## STUDY BIBLES, ETC.

**Note: The first 4 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:**

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

(4) [The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial.

[Zondervan NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. One hour limit

[NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. This is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020. One hour limit

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. Often has very insightful comments. John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word." One hour limit.

Rosscup - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application. The 2-column format runs verse by verse for the most part, usually in a helpfully knowledgeable manner, and there are several special sections such as "Prayer" in Acts and "Legalism" in Galatians. The premillennial view is evident on [Acts 1:6](#), [3:20](#), [Romans 11:26](#), [Galatians 6:16](#), Revelation 20, etc.

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible: Old Testament and New Testament](#) New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes especially with application of texts. [4,445 ratings](#) One hour limit

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes for conservative, literal perspective. [1,275 ratings](#)

[ESV study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[The David Jeremiah Study Bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). [214 ratings](#) Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary. Conservative. Notes are generally verse by verse but brief.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes by well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[Disciple's study Bible: New international version](#) [54 ratings](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) by Norman Geisler

[NIV archaeological study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The Holman illustrated study Bible](#) [120 ratings](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[Zondervan King James Version commentary](#) - New Testament

[NIV Celebrate Recovery Study Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Women : New Living Translation](#)

[The Woman's Study Bible : the New King James Version](#)

[The Study Bible for Women : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#)

[Daily Study Bible for Men : New Living Translation](#)

[NIV Topical Study Bible : New International Version](#)

[The Ryrie Study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative. [216 ratings](#)

[The Hebrew-Greek key study Bible : New American standard study](#) by Strong, James, 1822-1894; Zodhiates, Spiros

[The New Inductive Study Bible : updated New American Standard Bible](#) - Introductions of each book give suggestions how to perform an inductive study on that specific book. Not strictly speaking a "study Bible" with notes but a Bible to help you study inductively. Has wide margins for making notes. This is one that works best in "paper," not digitally.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#)

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - Judges by Andrew Boling (20 pages); editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#). (See also Boling's [380 page commentary on Judges](#) the Anchor Bible Series)

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use). ([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

## MORE SERMONS AND COMMENTARIES

### HENRY ALFORD

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

### ANONYMOUS

**Spurgeon** comments: "Upon two chapters only, but thoroughly good, and full of sweetness and light." ([Commenting and Commentaries](#))

- [Apostolic instruction exemplified in First John](#)

### PAUL APPLE

- [1 John - Tests of Eternal Life - A Devotional Commentary](#)

### JACK ARNOLD EXPOSITORY SERMONS

- [1 John 1:5-2:2 The Threat of Sin to Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 2:3-11 Recognizing The True From The False](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 Warnings To Growing Christians](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 How to Recognize and Avoid Heresy](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 The Coming of Christ](#)

### WAYNE BARBER

- [1 John 2:1 - The Believer and Sin - Part 2](#)
- [1 John 2:1-6 - We Can Know That We Are Believers!](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 - The Believer and Relationships](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 The Believer and the World](#)

- [1 John 2:18-24 The Believer and the Truth](#)
- [1 John 2:25-29 The Believer and the Holy Spirit](#)

#### **WILLIAM BARCLAY**

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

#### **ALBERT BARNES**

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

#### **BIBLE.ORG RESOURCES**

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#### **BRIAN BELL SERMONS**

- 1 John 2:1-14 [Walk Just As He Walked](#)
- 1 John 2:15-29 [3 Man Eating Lions](#)

#### **CHRIS BENFIELD SERMONS**

- [1 John 2:1-6 Victory in Jesus](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 Character Traits of the Believer](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 The Path to Spiritual Victory](#)
- [1 John 2:15-16 Dealing with Temptation \(Part 1\)](#)
- [1 John 2:15-16 Dealing with Temptation \(Part 2\)](#)
- [1 John 2: 18-23 The End Time in Our Time](#)
- [1 John 2:24-29 Advancing in the Midst of Adversity](#)

#### **JOHANN BENDEL**

- [1 John 2 Commentary \(Gnomon of the NT\)](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary](#) The Critical English Testament

#### **JOSEPH BENSON**

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

#### **BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR**

- [1 John 2 \(more than 70 pages of resources\)](#)

#### **BRIAN BILL - frequent illustrations and practical applications**

- [1 John 1:6-2:2 Forgiving Our Failures](#)
- [1 John 2:3-11 Just Do It](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 Going To The Next Level](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 End-Time Antichrists](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 Living In Light Of His Return](#)

#### **HUGH BINNING (1627-1653)**

- **Spurgeon** says this is "Milk for babes and meat for men; calls to backsliders and comforts for mourners." [Commenting and commentaries](#))

[1 John - Fellowship with God \(See list of 28 messages\)](#)



## JIM BOMKAMP

- [34 Marks of a True Christian](#)
- [1 John 1:1-2:2, Introduction, the Incarnate Word, God is Light, Sin is Covered](#)
- [1 John 2:3-14: The one who knows the Lord keeps His commandments and loves his brothers](#)
- [1 John 2:15-29, Do Not Love The World / Beware Of Anti-Christ's / God's Anointing Abides In You](#)

## A E BROOKE

- [A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Johannine Epistles](#)

## JOHN BUNYAN

- [1 John 2:1 The Works of Jesus Christ as an Advocate](#)

## WILLIAM BURKITT

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## JOHN CALVIN

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## JOHN CANDLISH

- Another source - [John 2 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 2:1 Sinless Aim of the Guileless Spirit](#)
- [1 John 2:1,2 Nature and Ground of Christ's Advocacy](#)
- [1 John 2:3-5 The Guileless Spirit Realizing Through Obedience](#)
- [1 John 2:6 The Christlike Walk of with One Guileless Spirit Abiding in God](#)
- [1 John 2:7,8 The Commandment at Once Old and New to One Walking with Guileless Spirit in the Light](#)
- [1 John 2:9-11 Brotherly Love a Test and Means of Being and Abiding With Guileless Spirit in the Light](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 The Guileless Spirit Abiding in the Light in its Threefold Aspect of Childhood, Fatherhood & Youth](#)
- [1 John 2:15, 16 The Guileless Spirit Loving Not the World which is Darkness, but God Who is Light](#)
- [1 John 2:17 The Guileless Spirit, Amid the Dark World's Flow Established in the Light of Godliness](#)
- [1 John 2:18-20 The Guileless Spirit, Amid Antichristian Defections Established by a Messianic Unction and Illumination](#)
- [1 John 2:21-23 The Guileless Spirit, Amid Antichristian Denial of the Son](#)
- [1 John 2:24, 25 The Guileless Spirit, Abiding in the Son and in the Father, so as to Receive the Promise of Eternal Life](#)
- [1 John 2:26-28 The Guileless Spirit, through the Abiding Messianic Unction and Illumination of the Holy Ghost, Abiding in Christ, so as to Have Confidence at His Coming](#)

## ALAN CARR

- [1 John 2:6 Are You Walking Like Jesus?](#)

## D A CARSON

- Introduction to 1 John - "Virtually all sides agree that John lays down three tests: (1) true believers must believe that Jesus truly is the Christ come in the flesh, and this belief must work itself out in (2) righteousness and (3) love."
- [Five part series - Mp3's](#) - 1 John 1-1 John 5:21
- [1 John 1:1-2:2 Part 1](#)
- [1 John 2:3-27 Part 2](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:24 Part 3](#)



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- [1 John 2:1-6 Sermon Notes](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [1 John 2:18-29](#)

## **THOMAS CHALMERS**

- [1 John 2:15 The Expulsive Power of a New Affection - Are you wrestling with a "besetting sin" beloved? Then this message is Highly Recommended!](#)
- See related discussion of "[Vertical Vision](#)"

## **ADAM CLARKE**

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## **STEVEN COLE**

- [1 John 2:1-2 The Key to Holiness](#)
- [1 John 2:3-6 How to Know That You Know Him](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 The Old New Commandment](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 Encouragement for the Family of God](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Choose Your Love: the World or the Father?](#)
- [1 John 2:18-23 Avoiding Spiritual Deception \(Part 1\)](#)
- [1 John 2:24-27 Avoiding Spiritual Deception \(Part 2\)](#)
- [1 John 2:28-29 Are You Ready for His Coming?](#)

## **THOMAS CONSTABLE**

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## **HENRY COWLES**

- [Intro](#)
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## **W A CRISWELL**

- [1 John 2:1 If Any One Sins](#)
- [1 John 2:1-2 If a Man Sins](#)

## **RON DANIEL**

- [1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:24](#)

## **INGIMAR DERIDDER**

- [1 John 2:15 Crude Oil](#)

## **GARY DERICKSON**

- [What is the Message of 1 John \(Bibliotheca Sacra\)](#)

**DEVOTIONAL WRITINGS EPISTLE OF FIRST JOHN** - F B Meyer, Theodore Epp, Andrew Murray, J C Philpot, C H Spurgeon, Octavius Winslow, Oswald Chambers

- [1 John 2:1-6 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:1 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:1 Spurgeon](#)
- [1 John 2:1 Spurgeon](#)
- [1 John 2:1 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:1 Octavius Winslow](#)
- [1 John 2:2 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:2 Oswald Chambers](#)
- [1 John 2:6 Spurgeon](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:11 F B Meyer](#)
- [1 John 2:15 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:15 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:15 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:17 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:17 F B Meyer](#)
- [1 John 2:18-19 Theodore Epp](#)
- [1 John 2:27 J C Philpot](#)
- [1 John 2:27 Octavius Winslow](#)

## DICTIONARY OF BIBLE THEMES MARTIN MANSER

**Note: This resource is useful to help you with topics covered by the passage you are studying.** Click the verse for the topics (examples listed for 1 John 1:1 - click on "1690 word of God" to see brief definition various aspects of the Word of God with Scriptural examples. Then you can either click the arrow to advance to the next verse or you can go to the top of the page in the dropdown window and select the specific verse or chapter you would like to study.

- [1 John 1:1](#)

[1690 word of God](#)  
[2018 Christ, divinity](#)  
[2033 Christ, humanity](#)  
[2203 Christ, titles of](#)  
[4909 beginning](#)  
[5159 hearing](#)  
[5194 touch](#)  
[5624 witnesses, to Christ](#)  
[9110 after-life](#)

- [1 John 2:1](#)

## JOHN DUMMELOW

- [1 John 2](#)

## J LIGON DUNCAN

- [1 John 2:1-2 Dealing with Sin \(2\)](#)
- [1 John 2:3-6 If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 Loving Christians](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 A Word of Assurance](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Don't Love the World](#)
- [1 John 2:18-21 The Test of Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 2:22-23 The Test of Acknowledgement of Jesus the Messiah](#)
- [1 John 2:24-28 The Test of Perseverance](#)
- [1 John 2: 29 - 3:10 The Test of Righteousness](#)

## E-CATENA

- [1 John 2 Comment from Ante-Nicene Fathers](#)

## CHARLES ELLICOTT

- [1 John 2](#)

## EXPOSITOR'S DICTIONARY OF TEXTS

- [1 John 2](#)

## EXPOSITOR'S GREEK - DAVID SMITH

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## EXPOSITOR'S COMMENTARY

- [1 John 2:1 Extent of the Atonement](#)
- [1 John 2:2 Missionary Application of the Extent of the Atonement \(scroll down\)](#)
- [1 John 2:6 Influence of the Great Life Walk A Personal Influence \(scroll down\)](#)

## JOHN FAWCETT

- [1 John 2:6 Trace the steps of His lovely feet](#)

## G G FINDLAY

- [1 John - An Exposition of the Epistles of St John - goto page 108](#)

## GENE GETZ - short videos discussing principles associated with the respective passages being studied.

- 1 John 1:5-2:2; **Practicing the Truth:** To have intimate fellowship with God, we must confess our sins and live in His will. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:3-11; **Loving God and Others:** To have an intimate relationship with God, we must develop loving relationships with one another. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:12-14; **Evaluating Spiritual Growth:** Regardless of our level of maturity, as Christians we should continually evaluate the extent to which we are walking in the light rather than in darkness. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:15-17; **Overcoming the World:** We must be on guard against worldly influences that interfere with our love for God and for one another. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:18-27; **False Apostles and Prophets:** We must reject the teachings of anyone who denies that Jesus Christ is God and that He came in human flesh. [Video](#)
- 1 John 2:28-3:3; **The Second Coming:** To sincerely anticipate seeing Jesus Christ face to face, we must live in daily fellowship with God and with one another. [Video](#)

## JOHN GILL

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## BRUCE GOETTSCHKE

- [1 John 2:1-6 The Problem of Forgiveness](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 The New Old Command](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 Grateful Assurance](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Not Loving the World We Love](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 Happy New Year: Keep Your Eyes Open](#)

- [1 John 2:28-3:3 Children of God](#)

## GOSPEL COALITION

- [1 John Sermons - most of these are Mp3 but many are highly regarded preachers](#)

## GOTQUESTIONS

- [1 John 2:5-6 What does it mean to abide in Christ?](#)
- [1 John 2:15 What does it mean that we are not to love the world?](#)
- [1 John 2:16 What is the pride of life?](#)
- [1 John 2:19 Is a backsliding Christian still saved?](#)

## L M GRANT

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## DAVID GUZIK

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## W. HALL HARRIS III

- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 2:3-11](#)
- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [Exegetical Commentary on 1 John 2:28-3:10](#)

## NORMAN HARRISON

- [1 John 2:28 The Abiding Life](#)
- [1 John 2:6 The Test of A True Experience](#)

## JAMES HASTINGS

- [1 John 2:2 An Advocate with the Father](#)

## ROBERT HAWKER

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## MATTHEW HENRY

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## D EDMOND HIEBERT - excellent exposition

- [1 John 1:5-2-6](#)
- [1 John 2:7-17](#)
- [1 John 2:18-28](#)
- [1 John 2:29-3:12](#)

**James Rosscup** has the following note on Hiebert's book [The Epistles of John An Expository Commentary](#). Note that the links below are to Hiebert's articles in Bibliotheca Sacra which form the basis for his formal published work. Thus Rosscup writes that Hiebert's work "is one of the best medium-length (here 371-pp.) explanations that is serious and clear to deal with most key matters, not pass them by. Hiebert sees ways to have assurance of real salvation, and 1Jn 5:13 as a key for the whole epistle, not confining its focus to

details in 1Jn 5:1-12 or 1Jn 5:11,12 (251–52). He views 1Jn 5:16 as a case of a saved person praying for another saved person who receives “life” in the sense of restoration and promotion of his spiritual welfare (260). He usually takes a stand on what a phrase means, gives reasons, and is plain. His comments in the main body, his extensive bibliography (351–60), and frequent footnote references to good sources all exemplify his earnest attempt to give readers light.” ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

**Cyril Barber** (also referring to the book as does Rosscup) - Hiebert, a Mennonite NT scholar, delves into the letters of John to exact from them the truths that underscore the Christian life and find expression in the kind of walk that pleases the Lord. While he uses the text of the KJV for the benefit of his readers, he works from the original Greek text for his exposition, combining sound exegesis with devotional comments on the text. Here is a volume that is illustrative of the best evangelicalism has to offer. Recommended. (The Minister’s Library, Volume 3)

## F B HOLE

- [1 John 2 Commentary \(Plymouth Brethren\)](#)

## ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 2:16 Idolatry](#)

## H A IRONSIDE

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## IVP COMMENTARY - Marianne Meye Thompson

- **Since the links below have been removed at Biblegateway, you will need to borrow the book**[1-3 John Commentary](#)
- Walking in the Light: The Fundamental Pattern (1:5—2:27)
  - The Character of God (1:5)
  - The Atonement of Christ (1:6—2:2)
  - Obedience to God's Commands (2:3-6)
  - The Fundamental Command: Love One Another (2:7-11)
  - Encouragement to the Faithful (2:12-14)
  - Warnings Against Unfaithfulness (2:15-17)
  - Warnings Against Antichrists (2:18-27)
- Remembering Who We Are: The Children of God (2:28—3:24)
  - The Privileges of the Children of God (2:28—3:3)
  - Family Likeness (3:4-10)
  - A Rift in the Family (3:11-17)
  - The Confidence of the Children of God (3:18-24)

**James Rosscup** writes "A lucid 168-pp., crisp exposition with some application in a flow for popular, general use. In a number of verses the book helps, at others it frustrates due to passing by views and reasons, or lacks sufficient comments. Much generalizing leaves an impression that in order to be seen as saved one must live an ideally perfect life (cf. 43), yet at other points one reads that Christians sin (45). **The work has a healthy clarity that real grace, distinct from cheap so-called (but not genuine) grace (51) elicits confession of sin and seeking obedience to God.** Such a life with God helps one's assurance to be a properly experienced reality, as in 1Jn 2:3 (51), even this by grace. Some statements are quite helpful, as "righteous conduct does not make us God's children. Rather, such conduct is the consequence or expression of a relationship that already exists" after rebirth (87). Many issues are left in a blur, for instance "God's seed remains" (1Jn 3:9)." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

## JOHN ANGELL JAMES

- [1 John 2:15 The Christian Professor - Conformity to the World](#)

## JAMIESON, FAUSSET, AND BROWN

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## S LEWIS JOHNSON

- [1 John 2:1-2 An Advocate With the Father](#)
- [1 John 2:1-2 The Propitiation for Sinners](#)
- [1 John 2:3-6 Knowing and Keeping the Commandments](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 An Old and New Commandment](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 In the Light - A Three-fold Assurance](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Squandering Love and the Abiding Life](#)
- [1 John 2:18-21 The Last Hour and the Doctrinal Test](#)
- [1 John 2:22-25 Christ Loyal to His Word](#)
- [1 John 2:26-27 The Sufficiency of the Anointing](#)
- [1 John 2:28-29 Avoiding the Shame](#)

## WILLIAM KELLY

- [1 John Expository Commentary](#)

## GUY KING

- [1 John 2:3-11 The Passion of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 The Progress of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 2:15-29 The Perils of the Fellowship](#)

## STEVE KRELOFF

- [1 John Sermons - Mp3](#)

## PAUL KRETZMANN

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## LANGE COMMENTARY

[Hiebert's critique](#) - A full exposition with an abundance of doctrinal, ethical, and homiletical material added.

- [1 John - Variable Quality \(sometimes liberal\) with occasionally useful comments](#)
- [1 John 2](#)

## ROBERT LAW - 430 pages

- [1 John Commentary](#)

## DAVID LEGGE

- [1 John 1:8-2:2 The Saint And Sin](#)
- [1 John 2:3-11 Practical Christianity](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 The Christian And The World](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 The Christian And False Doctrine](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 The Family Likeness](#)

## JOHN MACARTHUR

- [1 John 2:1 Our Divine Defense Attorney](#)
- [1 John 2:2 The Sacrifice that Satisfied](#)

- [1 John 2:3 The Certainty of Christian Assurance, Pt 1](#)
- [1 John 2:4-6 The Certainty of Christian Assurance, Pt 2](#)
- [1 John 2:3-11: How Do You Know You're a Christian? - Study Guide](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 Live by a New Love](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 The Stages of Spiritual Growth](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 The Love God Hates](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Why Christians Don't Love the World](#)
- [1 John 2:15: The Love God Hates 1 Study Guide](#)
- [1 John 2:15: The Love God Hates 1](#)
- [1 John 2 Do Not Love the World - question/answer](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14: The Love God Hates 2 Study Guide](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17: The Love God Hates 3 Study Guide](#)
- [1 John 2:16 The Cardiology of Worldliness](#)
- [1 John 2:18-4:12 Marks of a True Believer - Study Guide - click drop down menu](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27: Christians and Antichrists - Study Guide](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27: Christians and Antichrists](#)
- [1 John 2:18 The Christians and Antichrists, Pt 1](#)
- [1 John 2:19-26 The Christians and Antichrists, Pt 2](#)
- [1 John 2:19-26 The Christians and Antichrists, Pt 3](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3: The Purifying Hope - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
- [1 John 2:28 The Purifying Hope, Pt 1](#)
- [1 John 2:28 The Purifying Hope, Pt 2](#)

#### IAN MACKERVOY

- [1 John: How can I be Sure?](#)

#### ALEXANDER MACLAREN

- 1 John 1:5-2:6 The Message and Its Practical Results
- [1 John 2 Sermons](#)

#### HENRY MAHAN

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 2:1 The Sinner's Advocate](#) (also Mandarin)
- [1 John 2:1 Are Believers Still Sinners?](#)
- [1 John 2:19 What Happens When a Man Leaves the Gospel?](#)

#### WILLIAM MACDONALD

- [1 John 2:15 Love Not the Word](#)
- [Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - borrow this excellent 1 volume commentary on the entire Bible

#### J VERNON MCGEE

- [1 John 2 Thru the Bible messages](#) - Mp3's

#### J R MILLER

- [1 John 2:6 Copying But a Fragment](#)

#### MONERGISM

- [1 John Mp3 Series - click for list of links](#)

#### BRYAN MACPHAIL



- [1 John 2:1-6 Cleanliness Leads To Godliness](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Why The World Is Not Worth Loving](#)

## **F B MEYER**

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## **HEINRICH MEYER**

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## **G CAMPBELL MORGAN**

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## **ROB MORGAN**

- [1 John 2:15-17 Legacy of Flowers, Legacy of Faith](#)

## **HENRY MORRIS DEFENDER'S STUDY BIBLE**

- 1 John 2:1 [sin not if any man sin advocate](#)
- 1 John 2:2 [propitiation sins of the whole world](#)
- 1 John 2:3 [know](#)
- 1 John 2:5 [keepeth his word](#)
- 1 John 2:6 [even as he walked](#)
- 1 John 2:7 [from the beginning](#)
- 1 John 2:8 [new commandment](#)
- 1 John 2:12 [little children](#)
- 1 John 2:15 [Love not the world](#)
- 1 John 2:16 [pride of life](#)
- 1 John 2:17 [passeth away abideth for ever](#)
- 1 John 2:18 [antichrist the last time](#)
- 1 John 2:19 [were not of us](#)
- 1 John 2:20 [unction ye know all](#)
- 1 John 2:22 [antichrist](#)
- 1 John 2:27 [anointing teach you](#)
- 1 John 2:28 [little children when he shall appear ashamed](#)
- 1 John 2:29 [born of Him](#)

## **AUGUSTUS NEANDER (1852)**

**Spurgeon** says "Mrs. Conant (who translated it from German) in her preface says: "The treasures of genius and learning which enrich his more scientific works, here seem vivified by a new element, and melt, under the fervor of his inner spiritual life, into a glowing stream of eloquent practical instruction." ([Commenting and commentaries](#))[The First Epistle of John, Practically Explained](#)

- [Chap 2](#)

## **ROBERT NEIGHBOUR**

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## **NET BIBLE NOTES**

- [1 John 2 Commentary Notes](#)

## **PHIL NEWTON**

- [1 John 1:1–4 The Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 1:5–10 The Way to Fellowship](#)

#### **JAMES NISBET (CHURCH PULPIT COMMENTARY)**

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#### **OUR DAILY BREAD Devotionals - Excellent Sermon Illustrations**

- [1 John 2:1 The Advocate](#)
- [1 John 2:1 The Circle of Fear](#)
- [1 John 2:1 How To Fail Successfully](#)
- [1 John 2:1 The Truth about Sin](#)
- [1 John 2:1-11 Lessons of Obedience](#)
- [1 John 2:1-12 Legacy Of Forgiveness](#)
- [1 John 2:2 The Other Goat](#)
- [1 John 2:3-11 The Real Thing](#)
- [1 John 2:3 Who Are You?](#)
- [1 John 2:4, 3:18-19, 4:2-3 Choosing A Good Leader](#)
- [1 John 2:6 Like Jesus](#)
- [1 John 2:6 The World Is Watching](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 The Light Of The World](#)
- [1 John 2:11 The Truth About Maps](#)
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- [1 John 2:12-17 My Way](#)
- [1 John 2:13 The Circle Of The Wise](#)
- [1 John 2:14-16 A Sermon From Nature](#)
- [1 John 2:15 She loves me...she loves me not](#)
- [1 John 2:15 In Disguise](#)
- [1 John 2:15 A Matter Of Pride](#)
- [1 John 2:15 The Devil's Bait](#)
- [1 John 2:15 Weighed Down Or Way Up?](#)
- [1 John 2:15 Worldliness](#)
- [1 John 2:15 Worldliness](#)
- [1 John 2:15 Snails](#)
- [1 John 2:16 A Breach In The Wall](#)
- [1 John 2:17 Unchanging Love](#)
- [1 John 2:18 It's Late!](#)
- [1 John 2:18 Beware!](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 Revelation Or Imagination?](#)
- [1 John 2:22 Head Or Heart?](#)
- [1 John 2:24-29 Presents Or Presence?s](#)
- [1 John 2:24-3:2 Royal Lizards](#)
- [1 John 2:24-3:3 Our Dependency](#)
- [1 John 2:24-3:3 One Stretch](#)
- [1 John 2:25 Precious Promises Proven!](#)
- [1 John 2:28 Dirty Dishes](#)
- [1 John 2:28 Are You Ready](#)
- [1 John 2:28 Be Careful, He's Coming](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 Let's Be Ready](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 More Than We Can Imagine](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 How Would You Feel?](#)
- [1 John 2:28 Good Conduct Motivators](#)

- [1 John 2:28 Dirty Dishes](#)
- [1 John 2:28 Are You Ready?](#)

## JOSEPH PARKER

- [1 John 2:1-3 The Patriarch in the Church](#)
- [1 John 2:4-9 Living Liars](#)
- [1 John 2:24-29, 3:1 Abiding in Christ](#)

## PASTOR LIFE Sermons from Baptist pastors.

- [1 John 2:10-15 The Test of Love](#) Johnny L. Sanders
- [1 John 2:1-2 That You Sin Not](#) Johnny L. Sanders
- [1 John 2:12-14 Three Stages of Spiritual Growth](#) Gil McKee
- [1 John 2:12-17 The Spiritual State of the Union](#) Franklin L. Kirksey
- [1 John 2:15-17 Don't Love The World](#) Gil McKee
- [1 John 2:15-17 G-Rated People in an R-Rated World](#) Frank Page
- [1 John 2:15-17 Bad Love](#) J. Mike Minnix
- [1 John 2:18-19 Surrounded By Antichrists](#) Johnny L. Sanders
- [1 John 2:18-27 Spiritual Betrayal](#) Gil McKee
- [1 John 2:18-29 What In The World Can I Do?](#) J. Mike Minnix
- [1 John 2:20-23 The Anointing](#) Johnny L. Sanders
- [1 John 2:24-29 A Home in the Heart](#) Johnny L. Sanders
- [1 John 2:28 Eternal Hope](#) Gil McKee
- [1 John 2:28-29 The Love of God Brings Confidence of Right Living](#) Johnny Hunt
- [1 John 2:3-11 Signs of Salvation](#) Gil McKee
- [1 John 2:3-11 The Flow of Love](#) J. Mike Minnix
- [1 John 2:3-5 To Know And Know You](#) Johnny L. Sanders
- [1 John 2:6-9 Heavenly Son Light](#) Johnny L. Sanders
- [1 John 2:7-11 Old But New Love](#) James McCullen

## PETER PETT

- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)

## J. C. PHILPOT

- [1 John 2:15-17 The Love of the World and the Love of God](#)
- [1 John 2:17 These fugitive, transitory things](#)
- [1 John 2:17 What vain toys - Read this short pithy exhortation!](#)
- [1 John 2:20 The Uncction \(Anointing\) of The Holy Spirit](#)

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**Spurgeon** says "This devout author was highly Calvinistic, but withal full of spiritual power and unction. He loved the deep things of God, and wrote upon them in a gracious manner." ([Commenting and commentaries](#))

- [The First Epistle General of John. Practically Explained \(Volume 1 & 2\)](#)

## JOHN PIPER

- [1 John 2:1-2: Jesus Christ Is an Advocate for Sinners](#)
- [1 John 2:3-6: Obedience Confirms Our Standing in God](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11: The One Who Loves Lives in Light](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14: The Strong Need Strength](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 The Word of God Abides in You and You Have Overcome the Evil One](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17: Do Not Love the World](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 Let What You Heard Abide in You](#)

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## **MATTHEW POOLE**

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- [1 John 2:1,2 God's Remedy for Sin](#)
- [1 John 2:1,2 Our Advocate and Propitiation](#)
- [1 John 2:1-6 Sin Supposed: Sin Dealt With](#)
- [1 John 2:3-5 Verification Verified or Knowing that We Know God](#)
- [1 John 2:3-5 The True Knowledge of God and Its Infallible Proof](#)
- [1 John 2:6 Great Professions Involve Great Obligations](#)
- [1 John 2:6 Christian Profession and Consequent Obligation](#)

## **ROBERT RAYBURN**

- [1 John 1:5-2:6 The First Test of Life](#)
- [1 John 2:1-6 What Is So Important About Jesus?](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 A Community of Love](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 From Adolescence to Maturity](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 God or the World](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 The Doctrinal Test](#)
- [1 John 2:18-27 Crux or Not](#)
- [1 John 2:28-3:3 Family Resemblance](#)

## **REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE STUDY NOTES 1 John**

- [1 John 2:1–6](#)
- [1 John 2:1](#)
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- [1 John 2:27](#)
- [1 John 2:28](#)
- [1 John 2:29–3:3](#)

## GRANT RICHISON

**Disclaimer:** I do not agree with a number of Richison's comments. An example of one on 2Ti 2:12 in his First John Notes "***A Christian is still a Christian even though he disowns the Lord***" Read Jesus' words in Mt 10:33 and John's in 1 Jn 2:23-note. Many of Richison's comments and applications are excellent, but just **be sure you read them with a Berean mindset** Acts 17:11-note!

- [1 John 2:1](#)
- [1 John 2:1b](#)
- [1 John 2:1c](#)
- [1 John 2:1d](#)
- [1 John 2:2](#)
- [1 John 2:2b](#)
- [1 John 2:2c](#)
- [1 John 2:3](#)
- [1 John 2:3b](#)
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- [1 John 2:27b](#)
- [1 John 2:28](#)
- [1 John 2:28b](#)
- [1 John 2:28c](#)
- [1 John 2:29](#)

#### **A T ROBERTSON**

- [1 John 2 Word Pictures in the New Testament](#)

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