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Commentaries, Sermons, Illustrations, Devotionals

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FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND HIS CHILDREN
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 Charts from [Jensen's Survey of the NT](#) - used by permission
 Another Overview Chart - [1 John](#) - Charles Swindoll

BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP		BEHAVIOR OF FELLOWSHIP	
Conditions of Fellowship	Cautions of Fellowship	Fellowship Characteristics	Fellowship Consequences
Meaning of Fellowship 1 Jn 1:1-2:27		Manifestations of Fellowship 1 Jn 2:28-5:21	
Abiding in God's Light		Abiding in God's Love	
Written in Ephesus			
circa 90 AD			
From Talk Thru the Bible			

KEY WORDS FIRST JOHN BY CHAPTER				
1 John 1	1 John 2	1 John 3	1 John 4	1 John 5
Fellowship Seen "If... " Sin	Write Know Abide Commandment	Love Know Abide	Love Know Abide	Know Life

GENERAL SUBJECTS OR THEMES OF JOHN'S THREE MAJOR NT WRITINGS		
The Gospel of John	The Epistles of John	The Revelation of John
Salvation	Sanctification	Glorification
Past History	Present Experience	Future Hope
Christ Died for us	Christ Lives in us	Christ Comes for us
The Word made Flesh	The Word made real for us	The Word conquering
Evangelistic	Pragmatic	Prophetic

COMPARISON OF THOUGHT AND STYLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL AND FIRST EPISTLE		
First Epistle of John		Gospel of John
1 John 1:1	The beginning	John 1:1, 2

1 John 1:1	The Word	John 1:1, 1:4, 1:14
1 John 1:2	Christ Manifested	John 1:14
1 John 1:1,2	Life	John 1:4
1 John 1:4	Complete Joy	John 15:11
1 John 1:5	Light in God Light in Jesus	John 1:4
1 John 2:5	Obeying the Word	John 14:23
1 John 2:6, 28	Abiding in Jesus	John 15:4, 7
1 John 2:8; 1 John 3:11	New Commandment	John 13:34
1 John 2:8, 2:10	Light in Darkness	John 1:5, 1:9; 11:10
1 John 2:13-14	Knowing God	John 17:3
1 John 3:1	Children of God	John 1:12
1 John 3:2	Seeing God	John 17:24
1 John 3:8	Satan's Deeds	John 8:44
1 John 3:13	Hated by the World	John 15:19, 17:14
1 John 4:9	God sent His only begotten Son	John 3:16
1 John 4:12	No One Has Seen God	John 1:18
1 John 5:1	Born of God	John 1:13
1 John 5:13	These things Have been written	John 20:31
1 John 5:14	Ask Anything	John 14:14
1 John 5:20	The True God Eternal Life	John 17:2,3

GOSPEL OF JOHN	1 JOHN
Written to arouse faith John 20:31+	Written to establish assurance of faith 1 John 5:13+
Good News Historically	Good News Experientially

Key words
1 John

Key Words -- See importance of [key words](#) - learn how to [mark key words](#) and the associated discipline of how to [interrogate them with 5W/H questions](#). Practice "interrogating" key words as well as [term of conclusion](#) (therefore), [term of explanation](#) (for), [terms of purpose or result](#) (so that, in order that, that, as a result), [terms of contrast](#) (but, yet), [expressions of time](#) (including [then](#); [until](#), after) and [terms of comparison](#) (like, as). You will be amazed at how your Teacher, the Holy Spirit, will illuminate your understanding, a spiritual blessing that will grow the more you practice! Be diligent! Consider the "5P's" - Pause to Ponder the Passage then Practice it in the Power of the Spirit. See also [inductive Bible study](#) - [observation \(Observe With a Purpose\)](#), [Interpretation \(Keep Context King, Read Literally, Compare Scripture with Scripture, Consult Conservative Commentaries\)](#), and then be a doer of the Word with [Application](#). Do not overlook "doing the word" for if you do, you are deluding yourself, and are just a "smarter sinner," but not more like the Savior! As Jesus said "blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." (Lk 11:28+, cf James 1:22+),

- **Truth** ([aletheia](#)) or **True** ([alethinós](#))
 ([aletheia](#)) (9X/8V) 1 Jn. 1:6; 1 Jn. 1:8; 1 Jn. 2:4; 1 Jn. 2:21; 1 Jn. 3:18; 1 Jn. 3:19; 1 Jn. 4:6; 1 Jn. 5:6
 ([alethinós](#)) (4X/2V) 1 Jn. 2:8; 1 Jn. 5:20
- **Write/written/writing** (13X/10V) ([grapho](#))
 1 Jn. 1:4; 1 Jn. 2:1; 1 Jn. 2:7; 1 Jn. 2:8; 1 Jn. 2:12; 1 Jn. 2:13; 1 Jn. 2:14; 1 Jn. 2:21; 1 Jn. 2:26; 1 Jn. 5:13
- **Darkness** - (7X/5V)([skotia](#) and [skotos](#) once in 1Jn 1:6)
 1 Jn 1:5 1 Jn 1:6 1 Jn 2:8 1 Jn 2:9 1 Jn 2:11
- **Light** - (6X/5V) ([phos](#))
 1 Jn 1:5 1 Jn 1:7 1 Jn 2:8 1 Jn 2:9 1 Jn 2:10
- **Born** - (9X/6V) ([gennao](#) - all metaphorical ~ "born again" of Jn 3:3+)
 1 Jn 2:29, 3:9 (2x), 1Jn 4:7, 1Jn 5:1 (2x), 1Jn 5:4, 1Jn 5:18
- **Life** - (15X/12V) Two different Greek words for "Life"
 ([zoe](#)) 1 Jn. 1:1; 1 Jn. 1:2; 1 Jn. 2:25; 1 Jn. 3:14; 1 Jn. 3:15; 1 Jn. 5:11; 1 Jn. 5:12; 1 Jn. 5:13; 1 Jn. 5:16; 1 Jn. 5:20
 ([bios](#)) 1 Jn 2:16, 1Jn 3:17
- **FOR COMPARISON - Zoe** also key word in **Gospel of John** - 36X/32V (135X in NT)
 Jn 1:4; 3:15, 16, 36; 4:14, 36; 5:24, 26, 29, 39, 40; 6:27, 33, 35, 40, 47, 48, 51, 53, 54, 63, 68; 8:12; 10:10, 28; 11:25; 12:25, 50; 14:6; 17:2, 3; 20:31
- **Love** - (46X/31V) Noun and verb
 (agape)(18X/14V) 1 Jn. 2:5; 1 Jn. 2:15; 1 Jn. 3:1; 1 Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 3:17; 1 Jn. 4:7; 1 Jn. 4:8; 1 Jn. 4:9; 1 Jn. 4:10; 1 Jn. 4:12; 1 Jn. 4:16; 1 Jn. 4:17; 1 Jn. 4:18; 1 Jn. 5:3
 (agapao) (28X/17V) 1 Jn. 2:10; 1 Jn. 2:15; 1 Jn. 3:10; 1 Jn. 3:11; 1 Jn. 3:14; 1 Jn. 3:18; 1 Jn. 3:23; 1 Jn. 4:7; 1 Jn. 4:8; 1 Jn. 4:10; 1 Jn. 4:11; 1 Jn. 4:12; 1 Jn. 4:19; 1 Jn. 4:20; 1 Jn. 4:21; 1 Jn. 5:1; 1 Jn. 5:2
- **Abide** (24X/18V) ([meno](#))
 1 Jn. 2:6; 1 Jn. 2:10; 1 Jn. 2:14; 1 Jn. 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:19; 1 Jn. 2:24; 1 Jn. 2:27; 1 Jn. 2:28; 1 Jn. 3:6; 1 Jn. 3:9; 1 Jn. 3:14; 1 Jn. 3:15; 1 Jn. 3:17; 1 Jn. 3:24; 1 Jn. 4:12; 1 Jn. 4:13; 1 Jn. 4:15; 1 Jn. 4:16
- **Word** (6X/6V)(logos)
 1 Jn. 1:1; 1 Jn. 1:10; 1 Jn. 2:5; 1 Jn. 2:7; 1 Jn. 2:14; 1 Jn. 3:18
- **Fellowship** (4x in 3v) ([koinonia](#))
 1 John 1:3; 1 John 1:6; 1 John 1:7
- **Children** (14x in 13v) ([teknion](#) = little children, [teknon](#) = children, [paidion](#) = 1Jn 2:13, 18)
 1 John 2:1; 1 John 2:12; 1 John 2:13; 1 John 2:18; 1 John 2:28; 1 John 3:1; 1 John 3:2; 1 John 3:7; 1 John 3:10; 1 John 3:18; 1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:2; 1 John 5:21
- **Commandment** (14x in 10v) ([entole](#))
 1 John 2:3; 1 John 2:4; 1 John 2:7; 1 John 2:8; 1 John 3:22; 1 John 3:23; 1 John 3:24; 1 John 4:21; 1 John 5:2; 1 John 5:3
- **Believe** (9x in 7v) ([pisteuo](#))
 1 John 3:23; 1 John 4:1; 1 John 4:16; 1 John 5:1; 1 John 5:5; 1 John 5:10; 1 John 5:13 (Plus "faith" - [pistis](#) in 1 John 5:4)
- **World** (22x in 16v) ([kosmos](#))
 1 John 2:2; 1 John 2:15; 1 John 2:16; 1 John 2:17; 1 John 3:1; 1 John 3:13; 1 John 4:1; 1 John 4:3; 1 John 4:4; 1 John 4:5; 1 John 4:9; 1 John 4:14; 1 John 4:17; 1 John 5:4; 1 John 5:5; 1 John 5:19
- **Know** - (40X/33V)
 Ginosko (25X/21V) 1 Jn. 2:3; 1 Jn. 2:4; 1 Jn. 2:5; 1 Jn. 2:13; 1 Jn. 2:14; 1 Jn. 2:18; 1 Jn. 2:29; 1 Jn. 3:1; 1 Jn. 3:6; 1 Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 3:19; 1 Jn. 3:20; 1 Jn. 3:24; 1 Jn. 4:2; 1 Jn. 4:6; 1 Jn. 4:7; 1 Jn. 4:8; 1 Jn. 4:13; 1 Jn. 4:16; 1 Jn. 5:2; 1 Jn. 5:20
 Eido (15X/13V) 1 Jn. 2:11; 1 Jn. 2:20; 1 Jn. 2:21; 1 Jn. 2:29; 1 Jn. 3:2; 1 Jn. 3:5; 1 Jn. 3:14; 1 Jn. 3:15; 1 Jn. 5:13; 1 Jn. 5:15; 1 Jn. 5:18; 1 Jn. 5:19; 1 Jn. 5:20

Note: Both verbs for **know** appear together in the following verses - 1Jn 2:29, 1Jn 5:20. In addition the word **know**" occurs more in the Gospel of John than in any of the other gospels, and occurs in 1 John more than in any other epistle, another piece of indirect evidence in support of John as the author of this epistle. Exactly the same phenomenon is noted for many other vocabulary words. These include such words as; love, light, truth, fellowship, commandment, abide, witness, eternal, manifest, keep, overcome, beginning, father and son.

OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION:

- [1 John Introduction](#) including caveats regarding commentaries - Bruce Hurt
 - [1 John: Introduction](#) - John MacArthur
 - [First John](#) - Charles Swindoll
 - [1 John: Introduction, Argument, and Outline](#) - Daniel Wallace
 - [Key to 1 John](#) - William Orr
 - [1 John Study Guide](#) - J Vernon McGee
 - [Notes on 1 John](#) - J Vernon McGee
 - [John Epistles Introduction](#) - Assurance and Evidence of Eternal Life - Wil Pounds
 - [1 John Introduction](#) - NIV Study Bible
 - [1 John Overview](#) - James Van Dine
 - [1 John: The Fruit of Fellowship with Christ](#) - Ray Stedman - "The Bible without the Spirit leads to a dead, institutional Christianity. The Spirit without the Bible leads to groundless fanaticism. We need both the Spirit and the Word to effectively Adventure through the Bible."
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DICTIONARY ARTICLES:

- Bridgeway Bible Dictionary [John, letters of](#)
- Holman Bible Dictionary [John, the Letters of](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [John, Second Epistle of John, First Epistle of John, Third Epistle of](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [John, the Epistles of](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [John, Epistles of](#)
- Morrish Bible Dictionary [John, First Epistle of John, Third Epistle of John, Second Epistle of](#)
- Smith Bible Dictionary [John, the First Epistle General of John, the Second and Third Epistles of](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [John, the Epistles of](#)
- McClintock and Strong's Bible Encyclopedia [John, Second and Third Epistles Of, John, First Epistle Of,](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [John, Epistles of](#)
- Baker Evangelical Dictionary [John, Theology of](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [John, Theology of](#)

1 JOHN OUTLINE D. EDMOND HIEBERT

Recommended Resource - [An Introduction to the New Testament](#) or Borrow [An introduction to the New Testament](#) - D Edmond Hiebert

[Sam Storms review](#) - I always find Hiebert's NT commentaries helpful and this one is no exception. He is somewhat fundamentalist in his approach but is always fair in handling controversial topics. He interacts with the Greek text but not in such a way that English readers fail to benefit.*

An Outline of 1 John

- I. The Introduction, 1 John 1:1-4
 - A. The eyewitness testimony to the Word of life, 1 John 1:1
 - B. The historic manifestation of the Word of life, 1 John 1:2
 - C. The resultant fellowship of believers, 1 John 1:3-4
- II. Assurance Through the Test of Fellowship, 1 John 1:5-2:17
 - A. The basis for fellowship, 1 John 1:5

- B. The hindrances to fellowship, 1 John 1:6-10
 - 1. The denial of the reality of sin, 1 John 1:6-7
 - 2. The denial of the principle of sin, 1 John 1:8-9
 - 3. The denial of the practice of sin, 1 John 1:10
- C. The maintenance of fellowship, 1 John 2:1-17
 - 1. The provision for maintenance of fellowship, 1 John 2:1-2
 - 2. The signs of the maintenance of fellowship, 1 John 2:3-17
 - a. The sign of obedience, 1 John 2:3-5
 - b. The sign of imitation, 1 John 2:6
 - c. The sign of love, 1 John 2:7-11
 - d. The sign of separation, 1 John 2:12-17
 - i. The grounds for separation from the world, 1 John 2:12-14
 - ii. The appeal for separation from the world, 1 John 2:15-17
- III. Assurance Through the Conflict of Faith, 1 John 2:18-4:6
 - A. The conflict between truth and error, 1 John 2:18-28
 - 1. The crisis faced by the believer, 1 John 2:18-19
 - 2. The resources of the believer, 1 John 2:20-21
 - 3. The criterion of a true believer, 1 John 2:22-25
 - 4. The summary of the teaching, 1 John 2:26-28
 - B. The conflict between the children of God and children of the devil, 1 John 2:29-3:12
 - 1. The sign of the child of God, 1 John 2:29-3:3
 - a. The practice of righteousness, 1 John 2:29
 - b. The realization of present sonship, 1 John 3:1-2a
 - c. The purifying effect of the future hope, 1 John 3:2b-3
 - 2. The revelation from the practice of sin, 1 John 3:4-8a
 - a. The implications of the practice of sin, 1 John 3:4-5
 - b. The revelation of the two classes, 1 John 3:6-8a
 - 3. The deliverance from the practice of sin, 1 John 3:8b-9
 - 4. The sign of the children of God and children of the devil, 1 John 3:10-12
 - C. The conflict between love and hate, 1 John 3:13-24
 - 1. The evidential value of love and hate, 1 John 3:13-15
 - 2. The manifestation of love and hate, 1 John 3:16-18
 - a. The example and obligation of love, 1 John 3:16
 - b. The revelation of the lack of love, 1 John 3:17
 - c. The exhortation to practice true love, 1 John 3:18
 - 3. The assurances from the presence of love, 1 John 3:19-24
 - a. The assurance of being in the truth, 1 John 3:19-20
 - b. The assurance of answered prayer, 1 John 3:1-22
 - c. The assurance of union with Christ, 1 John 3:23-24
 - D. The conflict between the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error, 1 John 4:1-6
 - 1. The charge to test the spirits, 1 John 4:1
 - 2. The criterion for testing the spirits, 1 John 4:2-3
 - 3. The criterion for testing men, 1 John 4:4-6
- IV. Assurance from the Evidence of Love, 1 John 4:7-5:5
 - A. The nature of redeeming love, 1 John 4:7-16a
 - 1. The basis for the assurance from love, 1 John 4:7-8
 - 2. The manifestation of redeeming love, 1 John 4:9-10
 - 3. The obligation to mutual love, 1 John 4:11
 - 4. The perfecting of Christian love, 1 John 4:12
 - 5. The confirmations of redeeming love, 1 John 4:13-16a
 - B. The results of love, 1 John 4:16b-5:5
 - 1. The result in respect to self, 1 John 4:16b-18
 - 2. The result in respect to others, 1 John 4:19-21
 - a. The principle of love, 1 John 4:19
 - b. The profession of love, 1 John 4:0
 - c. The proof of love, 1 John 4:21

3. The result in respect to God, 1 John 5:1-5
 - a. The revelation of love in saving faith, 1 John 5:1
 - b. The revelation of love in obedience to God, 1 John 5:2-3
 - c. The revelation of love in overcoming faith, 1 John 5:4-5
- V. Assurance from the Witness of the Spirit, 1 John 5:1-12
 - A. The external, historic witnesses, 1 John 5:6-9
 - B. The internal witness of the Spirit, 1 John 5:10-12
- VI. The Conclusion, 1 John 5:13-21
 - A. The certainty of salvation as the purpose in writing, 1 John 5:13
 - B. The confidence of answered prayer, 1 John 5:14-15
 - C. The counsel in respect to intercession, 1 John 5:16-17
 - D. The certainties of the Christian faith, 1 John 5:18-20
 1. The certainty of the Christian's practice, 1 John 5:18
 2. The certainty of the Christian's contrast to the world, 1 John 5:19
 3. The certainty of Christ's mission, 1 John 5:20
 - E. The final warning against idols, 1 John 5:21

1 JOHN COMMENTARY
Verse by Verse Exposition
Bruce Hurt, MD

[Introduction to First John](#) - including discussion of caveats regarding use of commentaries on this book.

- 1 John 1:1
- 1 John 1:2
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STUDY GUIDE

1 JOHN

What is this? On the photograph of the Observation Worksheet for this chapter you will find handwritten 5W/H questions (Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?) on each verse to help you either personally study or lead a discussion on this chapter. The questions are generally very simple and are stated in such a way as to stimulate you to observe the text to discern the answer. As a reminder, given the truth that your ultimate Teacher is the Holy Spirit, begin your time with God with prayer such as Psalm 119:12+ "Blessed are You, O LORD; Teach me Your statutes." (you can vary it with similar prayers - Ps 119:18, 26, 33, 64, 66, 68, 108, 124, 135, 171, etc) The questions are generally highlighted in yellow and the answers in green. Some questions have no answers and are left to your observations and the illuminating/teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. Some qualifying thoughts - (1) Use "As is" - these are handwritten and will include mistakes I made, etc. (2) They may not be the best question for a given verse and my guess is that on some verses you will think of a far superior 5W/H question and/or many other questions.

Dr Howard Hendricks once gave an assignment to his seminary students to list as many observations as they could from Acts 1:8. He said "So far they've come up with more than 600 different ones! Imagine what fun you could have with 600 observations on this passage. Would you like to see Scripture with eyes like that?" (P. 63 [Living by the Book](#) - borrow) With practice you can! And needless to say, you will likely make many more observations and related questions than I recorded on the pages below and in fact I pray that the Spirit would indeed lead you to discover a veritable treasure chest of observations and questions! In Jesus' Name. Amen

Why am I doing this? **Mortimer Adler** among others helped me develop a questioning mindset as I read, seeking to read actively rather than passively. Over the years I have discovered that as I have practiced reading with a 5W/H questioning mindset, it has yielded more accurate interpretation and the good fruit of meditation. In other words, consciously interacting with the inspired Holy Word of God and the illuminating Holy Spirit has honed my ability to meditate on the Scripture, and my prayer is that this tool will have the same impact in your spiritual life. The benefits of meditation are literally priceless in regard to their value in this life and in the life to come (cf discipline yourself for godliness in 1Ti 4:8+.) For some of the benefits - see Joshua 1:8+ and Psalm 1:2-3+. It will take diligence and mental effort to develop an "inductive" ([especially an "observational"](#)), interrogative mindset as you read God's Word, but it bears repeating that the benefits in this life and the rewards in the next will make it more than worth the effort you invest! Dear Christian reader let me encourage you to strongly consider learning the skills of [inductive Bible study](#) and spending the rest of your life practicing them on the Scriptures and living them out in your daily walk with Christ.

Although Mortimer Adler's advice is from a secular perspective, his words are worth pondering...

Strictly, all reading is active. What we call passive is simply less active. Reading is better or worse according

as it is more or less active. And one reader is better than another in proportion as he is capable of a greater range of activity in reading. (Adler's classic book [How to Read a Book is free online](#))

[John Piper](#) adds that "Insight or understanding is the product of intensive, headache-producing meditation on two or three verses and how they fit together. This kind of reflection and rumination is provoked by asking questions of the text. And you cannot do it if you hurry. Therefore, we must resist the deceptive urge to carve notches in our bibliographic gun. Take two hours to ask ten questions of Galatians 2:20+ and you will gain one hundred times the insight you would have attained by reading thirty pages of the New Testament or any other book. Slow down. Query. Ponder. Chew.... (John Dewey rightly said) "People only truly think when they are confronted with a problem. Without some kind of dilemma to stimulate thought, behavior becomes habitual rather than thoughtful."

"Asking questions is the key to understanding."

--Jonathan Edwards

That said, below are the [5W/H questions](#) for each verse in this chapter. This is not neatly typed but is handwritten and was used for leading a class discussion on this chapter, so you are welcome to use it in this **"as is condition"**...

1 John 1

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1 John 2		
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1 John 3	
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1 John 4	
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1 John 5	
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PRECEPT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
1 JOHN
HOW TO KNOW YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE
INDUCTIVE STUDY

Precept Workbook on 1 John [Download lesson 1](#) (to give you a sense of what the old study looked like) - Note also that this is the first lesson of the OLD study (first published 1980 with 10th edition in 2013) which unfortunately has been replaced by a much shorter new study which only has 7 lessons (first lesson including 2 John and 3 John) so it is considerably abbreviated from the 11 week study which was only on 1 John.

New study of 1 John [Download lesson 1](#) - This study was published in 2017

Note that this has the 5 chapters double spaced with wide margins which can be printed out to facilitate marking [key words](#), and carrying out other aspects of [inductive Bible study](#) especially making [observations](#).

Study Helps from Precept Louisiana
These Go with the Old 1 John Study that has been replaced

but you may still find them of aid in several topics.

LESSON 1 - OVERVIEW

- [Chart- Overview](#)
- [Key Words Defined](#)
- 1 John Lesson 1 Overview - Who Goes to Heaven? - lecture (not available)

LESSON 2 - The Setting- GNOSTICISM

- [Chart-Refuting Gnostics](#)
- [Chart- God is Light](#)
- [Gnostic Beliefs](#)
- [Apostles' Creed](#)
- [1 John Lesson 2 How Do you know Who to Believe?](#)- lecture

LESSON 4 - "IF I SIN"

- [Chart- Advocate, Propitiation](#)
- [Chart: Application](#)
- [1 John Lesson 4 Holy God and Mercy on Unrighteous Man](#) - lecture

LESSON 5 - THE WORLD

- [Chart-Love Not the World](#)
- [Ten Truths that Conquer Lust](#)
- [1 John Lesson 5 Living in a World Like This](#)- lecture

LESSON 6 - SIN

- [Chart- Doctrine of Sin](#)
- 1 John Lesson 6 The Hope That Purifies - lecture (not available)

LESSON 7 - FELLOWSHIP

- [Chart- Know the Difference](#)
- [Effect of Sin on a Believer](#)
- 1 John Lesson 7 Who is Your Father? How Do You Know? - lecture (not available)

LESSON 8 - KNOW

- [Chart-Doubts, Tests](#)
- [Battle for the Mind](#)
- ["Know" words-Defined](#)
- 1 John Lesson 8 What If I'm Not Really Saved? - lecture (not available)

LESSON 9 - LOVE

- [Roadblocks to Love](#)
- 1 John Lesson 9 Long for a Perfect Love? - lecture (not available)

LESSON 10 - ABIDE

- [Chart- Those Born of God](#)
- [That You May KNOW You Have Eternal Life](#)
- [Overcomers](#)
- [By THIS We KNOW x-ref](#)
- 1 John Lesson 10 Caught, Overcome by the World? - lecture (not available)

LESSON 11 - FINAL WORDS

- [Chart-Final Instructions](#)
- [Chart-Prayer](#)
- [Idolatry](#)
- 1 John Lesson 11 Sin Unto Death? Why Pray? - lecture (not available)

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.

Robert Yost - This volume, which was revised in 1988, is one of the finest offerings in the TNTC series. Stott, an Anglican and one of the elder statesmen of the evangelical world in the twentieth century has written an outstanding commentary that, in spite of its age, has continued to hold its own alongside other more recent works. Any book written by Stott is worth obtaining. Age has not tarnished its luster. This is a nontechnical work that can be used by both pastors and laypersons. "A beautiful blending of Bible teaching and practical theology" (Barber, 182). "One of the most useful conservative commentaries on these epistles, so far as the preacher is concerned" (Carson, 154).

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.

[Sam Storms review](#) - This is far and away the best commentary that Stott has written on any NT book. It is also the first commentary that I would recommend for the student to purchase. It was revised and expanded in 1988 to take into account more recent studies of the Johannine literature. Although he interacts with the Greek text, this commentary is accessible to students of the English Bible as well. Get it!**

[The Epistles of John in The New International Commentary on the New Testament](#) - I Howard Marshall

[Sam Storms](#) - 1978. Marshall writes from an Arminian perspective. His commentary is second only to Stott for evangelical readers. It is thorough and always fair in its treatment of controversial issues. Highly recommended.*

[John Cereghin \(Baptist Pastor\)](#) - Simply written and ably brings together a good deal of previous scholarship without getting bogged down in minutiae. This is a very good commentary.

Robert Yost - This commentary is a very fine treatment of these epistles by the senior lecturer in NT exegesis at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and one of the finest NT scholars of the twentieth century. Marshall's approach is scholarly, but also accessible to the nonspecialist. An excellent effort! "Keen ability to follow the thought of a book and articulate it with clarity" (Rosscup, 331). "Much ... value to the preacher. The book is simply written and ably brings together a good deal of previous scholarship without getting bogged down in minutiae.... A very good commentary" (Carson, 153). "Characterized by careful augmentation, balanced judgment, and clear and understandable presentation of current scholarly discussions and of complex exegetical issues" (Bauer, 387). Arminian.

[Cyril Barber](#) (page 62) - New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1978. 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.

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).

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

[The Gospel and epistles of John](#) 160 pages, 1970. F F Bruce

[John Cereghin \(Baptist Pastor\)](#) - A brief, popular exposition. Defends apostolic authorship (15); gives a short introduction (25-33); holds that the words "world" and "life" are key words of John (36); stresses the role of Christ as Advocate (49); teaches the coming of a future Antichrist (67ff); has a note rejecting the authenticity of the passage on the three heavenly witnesses (129-130).

[Sam Storms](#) - This is one of the first commentaries on John's letters that I read. As always, Bruce is precise in his explanation of issues. It is brief but worthy of your study.

[The Epistles of John : \[an expositional commentary\]](#) - Boice, James Montgomery. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1979.

[Sam Storms review](#) - This commentary is based on Boice's sermons. Although not a detailed interaction with the text, it is theologically and homiletically helpful.

Robert Yost - This well-written and informative volume is a popular compilation of expositions of the text by a noted Presbyterian pastor. This commentary is very helpful for the pastor or general reader. Reformed.

[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.

[Sam Storms review](#) - Like most volumes in this series, this one is brief but helpful.

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

[Sam Storms review](#) - Barker, G. W. *1 John, 2 John, 3 John*. The Expositor's Bible Commentary, vol. 12. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981. This is an evangelical and conservative treatment of the Johannine epistles that is designed for those without a knowledge of Greek. It tends to be too brief at times.

[The Interpretation of the Epistles of St. Peter, St. John and St. Jude](#)- R C H Lenski (excellent Lutheran commentator)

Robert Yost - "Aims to force the student to think through the Greek text and stimulate exegetical rigor, but his grasp of Greek is mechanical, amateurish, and without respect for the fluidity of Greek in the Hellenistic period. The series is marred by a militant or even angry tone in defense of orthodox Lutheranism" (Carson, 24). To be fair, I purchased this set and used it extensively during my seminary years and found it quite useful and of great help in exegesis. It was my shield at my right hand during my years of Greek study. Lutheran. Amillennial.

[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).

[Sam Storms review](#) - Although brief and non-technical, Thompson has helpful insights. It is not as good, however, as Stott or Marshall.

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

[The Bible Exposition Commentary](#) or [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 lay people. 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.

[Sam Storms review](#) - This volume is similar in approach and perspective to Hiebert. Very helpful.

[John Cereghin \(Baptist pastor\)](#) - A careful exposition with an analysis of the ascending stages, or spiral, in John's thought. The writer sees John's basic purpose in writing as being to develop a correct view of Christ will result in a life of love and righteousness. Good for Bible study classes. ! 1985 (different than above). Not to be overlooked although not always to be trusted. Almost 500 pages, it attempts to offer exegesis of the Greek

text, theological comment, present-day application and some comment on structure. But beware: its approach to Greek somehow manages to be simultaneously painstaking and mechanical, partly because the work is linguistically uninformed. The style is a bit stodgy.

[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).

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

[The Gospel according to St. John : Schnackenburg, Rudolf](#)

[Sam Storms review](#) - Translated by Reginald and Ilse Fuller. New York: Crossroad, 1992. Schnackenburg is deep and technical, somewhat liberal, but worth digging into for detailed exegetical insights on the Greek text and theologically important matters.

[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.

[Sam Storms review](#) - This series is generally evangelical but brief in scope.

[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.

[Sam Storms review](#) - Although I have not used this commentary much, most in the BST series are evangelical in theology and quite helpful.

[The Epistles of John : Strauss, Lehman](#) - devotional commentary

[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.

Robert Yost - This volume is a moderately conservative offering in the uneven WBC series by the Canon Residentiary and Precentor of Coventry Cathedral in England. Smalley is a Johannine scholar who has provided particularly good bibliographies at the beginning of each major section according to the series' protocol. This commentary was revised in 2007. "At his best when he is summarizing and interacting with the positions of others" (Carson, 152).

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

[Sam Storms review](#) - Smalley's volume is excellent and is designed for those with a working knowledge of Greek. It is generally evangelical in approach and is especially helpful in presenting detailed arguments both pro and con on controversial issues.*

[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.

Robert Yost - The author, like Schnackenburg, is a highly respected Roman Catholic Johannine scholar who has produced a major work on John's gospel. This work shows that he has leaned a bit to the left since publishing the gospel commentary over a decade earlier. "The exegetical comments are often incisive" (Carson, 152).

[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 non-scholars 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

[Sam Storms](#) - This volume is by one of the leading Catholic scholars of our day. It is deep and detailed and has become the standard by which all other commentaries on John's letters are judged.*

[Life at its Best](#) 1 John by Roy I. 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 1 Jn 3:4-10.

STUDY BIBLES, ETC.

[KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. **No restrictions** 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.

[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). **No restrictions** Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

[The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. **No restrictions** 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.

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) (OT & NT) but must be borrowed - 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 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](#)

[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."

[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](#)

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - Outstanding Resource! free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[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](#)

[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!

[The Lion handbook to the Bible](#) - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

[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.

[Harper study Bible : the Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version](#)

[The Jewish Study Bible](#) - Only OT - Interesting Jewish perspective.

[The Student Bible : New International Version](#)

[Hebrew-Greek key word study Bible : New international version](#)

[Key word commentary : thoughts on every chapter of the Bible](#) by Water, Mark

[Eerdmans' Family Encyclopedia of the Bible](#) (1978) 344 pages

[Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[Tyndale Handbook of Bible charts & maps](#) by Wilson, Neil

[Bible Handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia](#)

[International Children's Bible field guide : answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation](#) by Richards, Larry

[The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities](#) by Knight, George W. (George William),

[Today's handbook of Bible times & customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[The new Unger's Bible dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Nelson's illustrated encyclopedia of Bible facts](#) by Packer, J. I. (James Innell); Tenney, Merrill C.

[Survey of the Bible : introductory insights, background studies, book-by- book survey](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[The parallel New Testament and Unger's Bible handbook : produced for Moody monthly](#) by Unger, Merrill (1975) 744 pages [4 ratings](#)

[The Hodder Bible handbook](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Kregel Bible handbook : a full-color guide to every book of the Bible](#) by Kerr, William [3 ratings](#)

[The new encyclopedia of Christian quotations](#) by Water, Mark

[New Testament words](#) - William Barclay - very interesting resource - covers about 70 NT Greek words in Barclay's unique style

[Zondervan handbook to the Bible](#)

[Dictionary of the later New Testament & its developments 71 ratings](#) IVP Series

The third of IVP's critically acclaimed series of dictionaries of the New Testament provides focused study on the often-neglected portions of the New Testament: Acts, Hebrews, the General Epistles, and Revelation. Furthermore, its scope goes beyond the life of the New Testament church to include the work of the apostolic fathers and early Christianity up through the middle of the second century.

[Dictionary of New Testament background 79 ratings](#) IVP Series

In a time when our knowledge of the ancient Mediterranean world has grown by leaps and bounds, this volume sets out for readers the wealth of Jewish and Greco-Roman background that should inform our reading and understanding of the New Testament and early Christianity. The Dictionary of New Testament

Background takes full advantage of the flourishing study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and offers individual articles focused on the most important scrolls. In addition, the Dictionary encompasses the fullness of second-temple Jewish writings, whether pseudepigraphic, rabbinic, parables, proverbs, histories or inscriptions. Articles abound on aspects of Jewish life and thought, including family, purity, liturgy and messianism. The full scope of Greco-Roman culture is displayed in articles ranging across language and rhetoric, literacy and book culture, religion and cults, honor and shame, patronage and benefactors, travel and trade, intellectual movements and ideas, and ancient geographical perspectives. No other reference work presents so much in one place for students of the New Testament. Here an entire library of scholarship is made available in summary form.

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

WORD STUDY RESOURCES GREEK AND HEBREW

NOTE - All of these resources can be borrowed from archive.org. This list also includes resources to help study the Bible.

See also the [list of Word Study Resources](#)

[The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#) by Zodhiates, Spiros - This is my "go to" resource for Greek word studies. One of the best lexicons for laymen. Highly Recommended for Greek Word Studies to aid your interpretation of a passage.

[Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Friberg, Timothy. Shorter definitions than Zodhiates but does an excellent job in summarizing the various nuances of a specific Greek word. One of my favorites.

[Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Gingrich, F. Wilbur. Similar to Friberg but shorter definitions. Gingrich however gives more Scriptures for each nuance, whereas Friberg generally gives only one representative Scripture.

[The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#) by Rogers, Cleon - This book is a gold mine of little gems on individual Greek words in any NT passage you are studying. If you have time it is always worth checking out! I use it in my [Greek word studies](#) all the time.

[The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology](#) (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - all three volumes (total 3351 pages) are available and allow copy and paste and all 3 of the volumes below are available at the [same link](#). [See this page for a few instructions on how to most efficiently utilize this incredible resource](#).

1. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - A-F
2. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - G-P
3. The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology (NIDNTT) - Colin Brown, general editor - Pri-Z

[New Testament Words](#) - William Barclay - [59 ratings](#) very interesting resource - covers about 70 NT Greek words in Barclay's unique style. On page 289 there is a helpful index of English words with the corresponding Greek word, in turn followed by the places Barclay described them in [New Testament Words](#) and in his Daily Study Bible series ([see list of DSB commentaries here](#)). E.g., take the Greek word for "Covetousness" which is pleonexia and is found in [New Testament Words](#) on page 61 and pp 233-235 and is also described in the Daily Study Bible entries for : [Mark 7:14-23](#); [Ro 1:28-32](#); [Eph. 4:17-24](#); [Col. 3:5](#). So you can click the [DSB commentary on Mark 7](#) and scroll down to [Mark 7:14](#) to see Barclay's entry for pleonexia which concludes "Pleonexia (G4124) is that lust for having which is in the heart of the man who sees happiness in things instead of in God." Interesting!

[Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament : based on semantic domains](#) - Louw Nida. Brief but nice definitions. Not easy to use - you need to know some Greek. Classifies Greek words into 93 "semantic domains" (see list on page XXV) and if you can categorize the word you are looking for in one of the domains, it can help find the specific word you are interested in.

Robert Yost - "This lexicon takes a novel approach by outlining NT words into their semantic domains, such as People, Danger, Help, Value, Time, etc. The reader then has quick access to the synonyms of the NT, an

important tool in defining words. Knowledge of Greek is necessary, but with concentrated effort, an English reader can learn to use this important resource" (Stout).

[Kittel's Theological Dictionary of the New Testament : abridged in one volume](#) (TDNT) - Classic ("Little Kittel") work summarizing the 10 volume set by Kittel. For most of us the abridged definition is "more than enough!"

[A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament, and other early Christian literature](#); by Bauer, W., F. Danker, W. Arndt, and F. W. Gingrich. More detailed definitions but need to know Greek. Zodhiates and Friberg much easier to use.

Robert Yost - This essential resource is the standard lexicon for students and scholars of the Greek NT. It is a translation and adaptation of Walter Bauer's Griechisch-Deutsches Wörterbuch zu den Schriften des Neuen Testaments und der übrigen urchristlichen Literatur by Arndt and Gingrich and then updated by Danker. This meticulous work has superseded all previous English lexicons.

[Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon, abridged : the little Liddell](#) by Liddell, Henry George. The abridged version. You need to know Greek to use.

[Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 1 - A thru E); [Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Volume 3- P thru ...) Volume 2 not available. I do not find this adds much to the easier to use resources like Zodhiates and Friberg.

[A pocket lexicon to the Greek New Testament](#) by Souter, Alexander. Brief definitions. Need to know some Greek. Not that helpful.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf. The old standby. You can also borrow [Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#)

[Theological wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - [229 ratings](#) (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for laymen.

[Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[Hebrew honey : a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) by Novak, Alfons, (332 pages) Indexed by English words. No Strong's numbers to help you determine if you are researching the correct Hebrew word. Here is a "work around" - go to page 289 and see if there is an annotation of the Scripture you are studying. E.g., say you want to see if there is anything for "heart" in [Ezek 11:19](#). In the Scripture list find an entry for [Ezek 11:19](#) with the English word "Heart." Now go look up "Heart" (on page 123). It does take some effort, but you might glean an insight not described in other Hebrew lexicons.

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Zondervan NASB exhaustive concordance](#) - 1589 pages

[Pocket dictionary for the study of New Testament Greek](#) by DeMoss, Matthew S. If you want to dig a little deeper into Greek. [66 ratings](#)

[Analytical concordance to the Holy Bible](#) : containing about 311,000 references, subdivided under the Hebrew and Greek original with the literal meaning and pronunciation of each by Young, Robert,

[The Englishman's Greek concordance of the New Testament](#) by Wigram, George

[Synonyms of the New Testament](#) by Trench, Richard Chenevix - or [click here for list of 108 entries](#)

[Girdlestone's Synonyms of the Old Testament](#) - [click](#) for list of 127 entries

[The Holman guide to interpreting the Bible](#) by Dockery, David S

[Foundations for biblical interpretation : a complete library of tools and resources](#)

[Expository Dictionary of Bible Words](#) by Richards, Larry, [33 ratings](#) It does not go into great depth on the Greek or Hebrew words but does have some excellent insights.

[Basic Bible Interpretation : a Practical Guide to Discovering Biblical Truth](#) by Roy Zuck. Recommended.

[How to Study Your Bible](#) by Arthur, Kay ([CLICK HERE](#) for many other resources from Kay Arthur). The basics of inductive Bible study succinctly described. Recommended. This is the original edition not the new edition.

[Living by the Book](#) by Howard G. Hendricks - A classic. An entertaining and informative read that is guaranteed to invigorate your

Bible study. Recommended.

[Teaching to Change Lives](#) by Howard Hendricks, Howard [561 ratings](#)

[The Christian Educator's Handbook on Teaching](#) by Kenneth Gangel and Howard Hendricks [21 ratings](#)

[How can I understand the Bible?](#) by DeHaan, Mart (52 page booklet)

[The New How to Study Your Bible Workbook](#) (2010) by Arthur, Kay, - Note that this workbook is the companion to the [New How to Study Your Bible](#) book (not the same as the one linked above).

[Jensen's Survey of Bible \(online\)](#) by Jensen, Irving [140 ratings](#) (NT) [133 ratings](#) (OT) This is a classic and in conjunction with the following three resources should give you an excellent background to the Bible book you are studying. Jensen has some of the best Book charts available and includes "key words." He also gives you some guidelines as to how to begin your inductive study of each book.

[Discover the Bible for Yourself](#) by Arthur, Kay [93 ratings](#) - Proven methods to read, mark, and study God's Word. Introductions to set the stage for each book of the Bible. Maps and charts to add historic and geographic dimension. Word studies for NASB and NIV translations. Definitions and explanations to simplify interpretation. "Things to Think About" for personal application. This resource will inspire and guide anyone interested in creating a personal study of God's Word.

[What the Bible is all about](#) by Mears, Henrietta. This is a classic and is filled with "pearls" from this godly teacher of God's Word.

[Talk thru the bible](#) by Wilkinson, Bruce [The Wilkinson & Boa Bible handbook : the ultimate guide to help you get more out of the Bible](#)

[How to profit from Bible reading](#) by Jensen, Irving [2 ratings](#)

[Simply understanding the Bible](#) by Jensen, Irving [8 ratings](#)

[Enjoy your Bible](#) by Jensen, Irving [5 ratings](#)

[Independent Bible study](#) by Jensen, Irving [14 ratings](#)

[MacArthur Study Bible - Topic "How to Study the Bible"](#) - John MacArthur

[MacArthur's Introductions to all 66 Books](#) - includes a helpful discussion of "Interpretative Challenges"

[Swindoll's introductions to all 66 Books](#) - Answers the following questions - Who wrote the book? Where are we? Why is this book so important? What's the big idea? How do I apply this? He also includes a helpful Book Overview chart (right upper corner of page).

[How to Get the Most from God's Word](#) by John MacArthur [16 ratings](#)

[Journey of the Bible : the remarkable story of how the Bible came from God to you](#) by Jensen, Irving

CRITIQUES OF SELECTED RESOURCES EPISTLE OF FIRST JOHN

Suggestion - Before you study 1 John take one hour and listen to this excellent overview of the entire book (you will not be disappointed)...

- [Thabiti Anyabwile The Problem and Hope of Nominal Christianity - 1 John](#)

James Rosscup on William Barclay: This is a lucid and well-organized exposition of the epistles with many helpful lists on different facets of truth John can have in mind at different points as on "light" and "darkness" in 1John 1:5. There is stimulating background material and warm application.

James Rosscup on A Brooke: This ICC work rates with Westcott as one of the top two detailed older commentaries of a technical nature based on the Greek text. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works).

Sam Storms review on A E Brooke - *Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Johannine Epistles*. ICC. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1912. Although the ICC series tends to be more liberal in outlook, Brooke's volume is excellent. He has numerous detailed studies of

issues in the Greek text that are worthy of careful study. However, if one has the volumes by Brown and Smalley, Brooke is somewhat superfluous.

[John Cereghin \(Baptist pastor\)](#) on **A E Brooke** - Critical commentary on the Greek text. He thinks in 1 John, Christ is "separated from us by sinlessness rather than by Divinity" (xvi); will not suggest who the author is (xviii); argues from the meaning of the Greek tense; refers to the antichrist legend (59,69-79); holds that John clearly identified Jesus the man who lived a human life with the Son of God (121-122). Deprecates the deity of Christ, rejects as "legend" the teaching regarding the Antichrist and minimizes the efficacy of Christ's death on the cross. Exegetically valuable; theological unreliable.

[Hiebert's critique](#) on **A Brooke** - Greek text. Important introductory discussion of critical problems. The exegetical treatment of the text is valuable but must be read with *theological discrimination*. Has an extended treatment of the text on the "heavenly witnesses."

Spurgeon on Robert Candlish: We set great store by these lectures. A man hardly needs anything beyond Candlish. He is devout, candid, prudent and forcible.

[Hiebert's critique](#) on **Robert Candlish:** A series of forty-six sermon-lectures fervently presenting Christ as the only begotten Son of God and the believer's relationship to Him. First published in 1866, it vigorously attacks Romanist doctrine and warns against apostasy. The biographical sketch by Wilbur M. Smith adds to the value of the volume.

Cyril Barber on [John James Lias](#) (see below)- One of the finest exegetical and expository works for preachers. Provides an excellent basis for a series of sermons. Deserves a place in the library of every minister and lay preacher. ([The Minister's Library - Volume 2](#))

James Rosscup on George G Findlay: "Based on the Greek text, this work is one of the great commentaries on the three epistles from more than three quarters of a century ago."

[Hiebert's critique](#) on **George G Findlay:** An exhaustive, conservative exposition combining careful scholarship with rare spiritual insight. Emphasizes the doctrinal as well as the practical teaching of the epistles.

James Rosscup on D Edmond Hiebert: His work "is one of the best medium-length 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. He usually takes a stand on what a phrase means, gives reasons, and is plain. His comments in the main body, his extensive bibliography, and frequent footnote references to good sources all exemplify his earnest attempt to give readers light.

[Sam Storms review](#) - I always find Hiebert's NT commentaries helpful and this one is no exception. He is somewhat fundamentalist in his approach but is always fair in handling controversial topics. He interacts with the Greek text but not in such a way that English readers fail to benefit.*

James Rosscup on IVP Commentary by Marianne Meye Thompson: 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)."

James Rosscup on Guy King: Only 127 pages long, this book is like King's other expositions in that it is rich in phraseology, sermonic ideas and illustrations. It is a good, brief work to recommend to laymen and also good for the preacher or teacher's heart.

James Rosscup on Alfred Plummer (Cambridge Bible Commentary): Though old, this is a good study from the Greek text which will be helpful in any more advanced study of the epistles. There are other works more highly recommended, however.

James Rosscup on B F Westcott: "This work has long been ranked by many as the best older effort on the Greek text. It is detailed, thorough, and very useful for its incisive, definitive statements on problem areas as well as grammatical matters

[Sam Storms review](#) - Westcott, Brooke Foss. *The Epistles of St. John, The Greek Text with Notes*. 3rd ed. 1892. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1950 (reprint). As the title suggests, Westcott is quite technical in his treatment of the Greek text. Very helpful.

James Rosscup writes on **Zane Hodges'** commentary on First John that "Passages given Hodges' turns will **surprise and**

dismay {bolding mine} many from an exegetical standpoint... He opposes the view that First John aims to lead readers to see how to be assured of salvation, as some say in 1Jn 5:13... (Hodges believes) The person who "*abides in death*" (1Jn 3:14) is saved, not having fellowship with God, but will be safe forever, though missing out in terms of special reward. (See Rosscup's excellent work [Commentaries for Biblical Expositors](#)) (**EDITORIAL COMMENT** - One should be aware that Hodges has also authored the commentaries on 1-3 John in the well-respected Bible Knowledge Commentary, but given his views described by Rosscup and the following respected evangelical writers, the reader is encouraged to use his writings with a healthy Berean mindset Acts 17:11+)

Related Resources:

- [Sam Storms' Discussion of Hodges' Interpretation of Fellowship](#)
- John Piper discusses Zane Hodges in his letter [Who Am I Talking About?](#)
- [The Teachings of Zane Hodges. Joseph Dillow. Robert Wilkin](#)

SEE ALSO:

- [Top 5 Commentaries on the Epistles of John - Keith Mathison - Ligonier Ministries](#)
- [Best Commentaries on John - Tim Challies](#)

HENRY ALFORD (1810-1871) The New Testament for English Readers 1 John Commentary

([Read his fascinating brief biography - Henry Alford](#) and [Phil Johnson's related comments](#))

James Rosscup writes that Alford's series on the New Testament "contains much that is valuable in the Greek New Testament...though all of the Greek New Testament words have been changed to English throughout." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#)).

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (see his comments in following entry on Alford).

Editorial Note: If you are not proficient in Greek, you will find this work considerably more useful than the following work by Alford, because in this volume he translates the Greek and Latin into English. While the "The Greek New Testament" is longer (e.g., English version of 1John = **66** pages compared to Greek version = **94** pages in part because the latter includes comments of more technical nature), the substance of the commentary is otherwise similar to that found in the "NT for English Readers".

- [1 John 1 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 4 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 5 Commentary](#)

Alford's Greek Testament Critical Exegetical Commentary

- [1 John 1 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 4 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 5 Commentary](#)

DANNY AKIN SERMONS 1 JOHN

- [What A Life – 1 John 1:1-4](#)

- [A Life Like No Other – Jesus the Incarnate Word \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 1:1-4](#)
- [1, 2, 3 John – 1 John 1:1](#)
- [An Introduction to I John – 1 John 1:1-4](#)
- [When Men Call God A Liar – 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [Let God Be True and Every Man A Liar: A Mandate for Global Evangelization – 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [Let God Be True and Every Man a Liar: A Mandate for Global Evangelization \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [When Men Call God a Liar – 1 John 1:5-2:2](#)
- [Know And Obey – 1 John 2:3-11](#)
- [Know and Obey To Be Happy in Jesus \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 2:3-11](#)
- [The Love That God Hates – 1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [The Love God Hates \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 2:12-17](#)
- [The Antichrist – 1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [The Antichrist\(s\) \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 2:18-27](#)
- [The Blessings of Abiding in Christ – 1 John 2:28-3:3](#)
- [The Blessings of Abiding in Jesus \(John’s Letter’s Series\) – 1 John 2:28-3:3](#)
- [Child of God / Child of Satan – 1 John 3:4-10](#)
- [Why Did the Son of God Invade Planet Earth? \(John’s Letter Series\) – 1 John 3:4-10](#)
- [It’s Love that Makes the World Go Right – 1 John 3:11-18](#)
- [How’s Your Love Life? A Superlative Witness You Belong to Jesus – 1 John 3:11-18](#)
- [Help For A Hurting Heart – 1 John 3:18-24](#)
- [Gospel Truths That Will Heal a Hurting Heart and Cure a Condemning Conscience \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 3:18-24](#)
- [The Marks Of A False Prophet – 1 John 4:1-6](#)
- [Test the Spirits. They Are Not All from God \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 4:1-6](#)
- [How’s Your Love Life – 1 John 4:7-10](#)
- [God Is Love \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 4:7-12](#)
- [The Power of Love – 1 John 4:11-16](#)
- [The Power of Love \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 4:13-21](#)
- [God Is Love – 1 John 4:16-21](#)
- [Faith Is The Victory – 1 John 5:1-5](#)
- [7 Things Every Child of God Can Know – 1 John 5:1-21](#)
- [The Birthmarks of the Children of God \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 5:1-5](#)
- [Why Should You Believe Jesus Is The Son of God? – 1 John 5:6-12](#)
- [Six Superlative Witnesses That Jesus Is the Son of God \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 5:6-12](#)
- [The Eternal Security of the Believers – 1 John 5:13-17](#)
- [God Is Listening! What Are You Saying? – 1 John 5:13-17](#)
- [Five Truths God Wants Every Child of God to Know \(John’s Letters Series\) – 1 John 5:13-21](#)
- [Let Jesus Be Your Teacher – 1 John 5:18-21](#)

HENRY ALFORD

The Greek New Testament

1 John Commentary

James Rosscup writes that "This was the great work in the life of the versatile Dean of Canterbury. An outcome of this production was the New Testament for English Readers (4 vols.). Alford was a Calvinist, conservative and premillennial, though not dispensational. He takes a literal interpretation of the thousand years in Rev. 20 and has a famous quote there, is strong on sovereign election as in Ro 8:29, 30 and 1Pe 1:2, but, unfortunately, holds to baptismal regeneration in such texts as Titus 3:5 and John 3:5. He shows a great knowledge of the Greek text and faces problems of both a doctrinal and textual nature." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

John Piper writes ""When I'm stumped with a...grammatical or syntactical or logical [question] in Paul, I go to Henry Alford. Henry Alford...comes closer more consistently than any other human commentator to asking my kinds of questions."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon writes that this text "is an invaluable aid to the critical study of the text of the New Testament. You will find in it the ripened results of a matured scholarship, the harvesting of a judgment, generally highly impartial, always worthy of respect, which has gleaned from the most important fields of Biblical research, both modern and ancient, at home and abroad. You

will not look here for any spirituality of thought or tenderness of feeling; you will find the learned Dean does not forget to do full justice to his own views, and is quite able to express himself vigorously against his opponents; but for what it professes to be, it is an exceedingly able and successful work. The later issues are by far the most desirable, as the author has considerably revised the work in the fourth edition. What I have said of his Greek Testament applies equally to Alford's New Testament for English Readers,* which is also a standard work." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries: Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

DON ANDERSON

1 JOHN STUDY

Note - Anderson feels the key verse is 1 John 1:3 so that the issue is fellowship, not assurance of salvation which is the purpose John describes in 1 John 5:13. Be an Acts 17:11+ Berean.

- [1 John Charts \(studies 1-12\)](#)
- [1 John – Study Guide](#)

[1 John Lectures - click here](#)

- 1 John – Study 1 57:41
- 1 John – Study 2 53:50
- 1 John – Study 3 57:57
- 1 John – Study 4 50:21
- 1 John – Study 5 49:31
- 1 John – Study 6 49:35
- 1 John – Study 7 53:44
- 1 John – Study 8 40:03
- 1 John – Study 9 53:49
- 1 John – Study 10 38:25
- 1 John – Study 11 52:53
- 1 John – Study 12 51:48

1 John Teacher Notes

- [1 John study 1](#) - 1 John 1:1-4
- [1 John study 2](#) - 1 John 1:5-2:2
- [1 John study 3](#) - 1 John 2:3-11
- [1 John study 4](#) - 1 John 2:12-17
- [1 John study 5](#) - 1 John 2:18-27
- [1 John study 6](#) - 1 John 2:28-3:3
- [1 John study 7](#) - 1 John 3:4-10
- [1 John study 8](#) - 1 John 3:11-24
- [1 John study 9](#) - 1 John 4:1-6
- [1 John study 10](#) - 1 John 4:7-21
- [1 John study 11](#) - 1 John 5:1-12
- [1 John study 12](#) - 1 John 5:13-21

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- [1 John study 1](#) - 1 John 1:1-4
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- [1 John study 3](#) - 1 John 2:3-11
- [1 John study 4](#) - 1 John 2:12-17
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- [1 John study 11](#) - 1 John 5:1-12
- [1 John study 12](#) - 1 John 5:13-21

JACK ARNOLD
EXPOSITORY SERMONS
EPISTLE OF FIRST JOHN

Jack Arnold died instantly in the pulpit after uttering these final words: "**And when I go to heaven.**" His sermons are well done, as you might imagine!

- [1 John 1:1-4 Introduction to First John](#)
- [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](#)
- [1 John 3:4-10 The Cross and Christian Living](#)
- [1 John 3:11-18 Love or Hate?](#)
- [1 John 3:18-24 Overcoming A Condemned Heart](#)
- [1 John 4:1-6 When Unbelief Is Right](#)
- [1 John 4:7-12 Lord, Teach Me To Love](#)
- [1 John 4:13-21 Belief and Love](#)
- [1 John 5:1-5 We Shall Overcome](#)
- [1 John 5:6-15 The Why and What of Belief](#)
- [1 John 5:14-17 A Prayer That Does Not Move God](#)
- [1 John 5:18-21 Christian Certainty](#)

WAYNE BARBER
Verse by Verse Exposition of 1 John

Pithy & Practical Sermons - Highly Recommended. [He is also in heaven with Jack Arnold.](#)

- 1 John 1 - Introduction
- 1 John 1:1 - What Every Believer Ought to Know
- 1 John 1:1-4 - That Our Joy May Be Made Complete!
- 1 John 1:5-10 - Evidence of Christianity
- 1 John 1:8-10 - The Believer and Sin - Part 1
- 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
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James Rosscup: This is a lucid and well-organized exposition of the epistles with many helpful lists on different facets of truth John can have in mind at different points as on "light" and "darkness" in I John 1:5. There is stimulating background material and warm application. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works).

D Edmond Hiebert - Prints the author's own translation. A series of popular studies whose strong point is word study. Contains good illustrative material. Part of the author's interpretation follows a liberal position. Barclay holds that Christ's descent into Hades gave those who there heard Him a second chance.

Comment: I appreciate Barclay's unique insights on Greek words, but clearly his teaching about a "second chance" is NOT sound doctrine! Be an [Acts 17:11](#) Berean with Barclay. [See discussion of his orthodoxy](#) especially the article "[The Enigmatic William Barclay](#)".

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ALBERT BARNES NOTES ON THE EPISTLE OF FIRST JOHN

James Rosscup writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial...Often the explanations of verses are very worthwhile." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

C H Spurgeon "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil....Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries: Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

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JOHANN A BENDEL

Commentary on 1 John Gnomon of the New Testament

James Rosscup writes "This work (Gnomon), originally issued in 1742, has considerable comment on the Greek, flavoring the effort with judicious details about the spiritual life. It has much that helps, but has been surpassed by many other commentaries since its day." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

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JOHANN BENDEL

The Critical English Testament Commentary on 1 John

Represents Combination of Bengel's Gnomon (above) and Comments by more modern expositors (in brackets) to make this more usable for those who do not read Greek.

Spurgeon comments on the goal to make **Bengel's Gnomon** (listed above) more accessible -- "Such is the professed aim of this commentary, and the compilers have very fairly carried out their intentions. The whole of **Bengel's Gnomon** is bodily transferred

into the work, and as 120 years have elapsed since the first issue of that book, it may be supposed that much has since been added to the wealth of Scripture exposition; the substance of this has been incorporated in brackets, so as to bring it down to the present advanced state of knowledge. We strongly advise the purchase of this book, as it...will well repay an attentive perusal. Tischendorf and Alford have contributed largely...**to make this one of the most lucid and concise commentaries on the text and teachings of the New Testament**" ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries: Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

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- [1 John 3 \(more than 120 pages of resources\)](#)
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JIM BOMKAMP

SERMON NOTES

1 John

- [34 Marks of a True Christian in 1 John](#)
- [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

1 John Commentary

James Rosscup: This ICC work rates with Westcott as one of the top two detailed older commentaries of a technical nature based on the Greek text. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works).

Hiebert's critique - Greek text. Long recognized as a classic commentary on the Johannine epistles. First published in 1883. Bruce has updated the introductory material and provided a summary of the discoveries and developments since Westcott's time.

John Cereghin - He thinks in I John, Christ is "separated from us by sinlessness rather than by Divinity" (xvi); will not suggest who the author is (xviii); discusses the meaning of "propitiation" (23-27); argues from the meaning of the Greek tense; refers to the antichrist legend (59,69-79); holds that John clearly identified Jesus the man who lived a human life with the Son of God (121-122); has extended comments on the text of the "heavenly witnesses" (154-165). (He paraphrases [Cyril Barber's](#) comment in which he latter says Brooke) Deprecates the deity of Christ, rejects as "legend" the teaching regarding the Antichrist and minimizes the efficacy of Christ's death on the cross. **Exegetically valuable; theological unreliable.**

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CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT THE EPISTLE OF ST JOHN ALFRED PLUMMER

Cyril Barber - This....1886 commentary from the Cambridge Greek Testament series readily interacts with critical issues raised by the publication of the NT texts of Tischendorf and Tregelles. Plummer then treats these letters in a most commendable way, providing some unique insights into the thought of the apostle and the nuances of the original text. ([The Minister's Library, Volume 2](#))

James Rosscup writes "Though old, this is a good study from the Greek text which will be helpful in any more advanced study of the epistles. There are other works more highly recommended, however." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

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ROBERT S. CANDLISH Commentary on 1 John

Spurgeon commenting on this commentary wrote "We set great store by these lectures. A man hardly needs anything beyond Candlish. He is devout, candid, prudent and forcible." ([Commenting and commentaries](#))

Cyril Barber - A true classic. Rich in insights, it makes rewarding reading. When we consider that these studies were really sermons delivered to the congregation of which Candlish was the pastor, it would be encouraging to see laypeople buying and reading this work today. Reprinted from the 1877 edition. Recommended. ([The Minister's Library, Volume 2](#))

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- 1 John 2:1,2 Nature and Ground of Christ's Advocacy as Meeting the Need of the Guileless Spirit
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- 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
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[John 3 Commentary](#)

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- 1 John 3:4-6 The Secret of Sinlessness - Abiding in the Sinless One As Manifested to Take Away our Sins
- 1 John 3:6,9 The Secret of Sinlessness - Our Abiding in Christ - The Seed of God Abiding in Us
- 1 John 3:7,8 The Secret of Sinlessness - The Contrasted "Doings" - Doing Righteousness and Doing Sin
- 1 John 3:10-12 Connection of Doing Righteousness with Brotherly Love as Proving a Divine Birth
- 1 John 3:14-16 Brotherly Love the Fruit and Test of Passing from Death Unto Life
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- 1 John 3:24, 4:1 Our Righteousness Attested by Obedience
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- 1 John 5:6,8 The Three Witnesses and Their Agreement
- 1 John 5:9,10 The Witness or Testimony of god to and in Believers
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JOHN CALVIN

Commentary on 1 John

James Rosscup - Calvin was not only a great theologian but also a great expositor, and his insight into Scripture contributed to his grasp of doctrinal truth. His commentaries are deep in spiritual understanding, usually helpful on problem passages, and refreshing in a devotional sense to the really interested reader. He usually offers good help on a passage. The present work skips Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, II and III John and Revelation. Calvin is amillennial on long-range prophecy, but in other respects usually has very contributive perception on passages and doctrinal values edifying to the believer. He also can be very wordy, but the serious and patient glean much.

D Edmond Hiebert - Valuable for insights into Reformation day views.

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ALAN CARR

Sermons on 1 John

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RICH CATHERS

Sermons on 1 John

Has frequent illustrations (see some below)...

- [1 John 1:1-4](#) - excerpt...

God's desire is that we learn from Jesus' example of humility to learn to serve others like Jesus.

Illustration - A farmer was out plowing his field one spring morning. The spring thaw had just occurred and there were many muddy valleys in the field. Through one particularly wet place his tractor became stuck in the mud. The harder he tried, the

deeper he became stuck. Finally, he walked over to his neighbor's to ask for help. The neighbor came over and looked at the situation. He shook his head, and then said, "It doesn't look good, but I tell you what. I'll give it a try pulling you out. But if we don't get it out, I'll come sit in the mud with ya!" Jesus was humble enough to "sit in the mud" with us, and we ought to learn to do the same for others.

- [1 John 1:3-9](#) - excerpt...

1 John 1:3 Correct fellowship - This seems to be John's main goal in his letter to the church, that we'd have the correct kind of fellowship. Fellowship is having something in common with someone else. Some people have "soccer fellowship" because they take their kids to the same soccer team. Some people have "work fellowship" because they all work at the same place, all hate the same boss, and all complain about the same lousy work conditions. Some people have "bar fellowship" because they all hang out at the same bar, for various reasons. Some people have "church fellowship" because they all happen to go to the same church, sometimes for different reasons, but they're still at the same church. John is saying that he wants to make sure that our basis for "having something in common" is the right one. Are we together for the right reasons? If our soul supply of "resources" depends on looking to other people, we're going to have problems.

Illustration - Our energy crisis in California is based on the fact that we don't have enough electricity. We are becoming increasingly dependant upon other states, outside sources to bring in enough electricity. If we have enough generators inside California, we wouldn't be having this problem. It's okay to receive "resources", strength, encouragement from people. Part of our fellowship needs to be with "each other". There's a sense in which we all have little teeny power outlets in us, that others can hook up to for a little "charge".

Illustration - When someone's car battery dies and they need a jump start, we can pop open our hood and connect our battery to theirs with a jumper cable. But when we become too dependant on others, if we're only looking for the encouragement we can get from others, we're settling far short of what God has for us. Encouragement from other people comes across at little twelve volt bursts. But the encouragement, support, and resources we can receive directly from God comes across in megawatts. Draw on God's resources.

1 John 1:7 - He can cleanse you. We're used to seeing those laundry detergent commercials on TV where they talk about those "really hard stains". Jesus can cleanse you from your really difficult stains.

Illustration - "The Blood of Christ" - One night in a church service a young woman felt the tug of the Holy Spirit in her heart. She responded to God's call and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. The young woman had a very rough past, involving alcohol, drugs and prostitution. But, the change in her was evident. As time went on she became a faithful member of the church. She eventually became involved in the ministry teaching young children. It not very long until this faithful young woman had caught the eye and the heart of the pastor's son. The relationship grew and they began to make wedding plans. This is when the problems began. You see, about one half of the church did not think that a woman with a past such as hers was suitable for a pastor's son. The church began to argue and fight about the matter. So they decided to have a meeting. As the people made their arguments and tensions increased, the meeting got completely out of hand. The young woman became very upset about all the things being brought up about her past. As she began to cry, the pastor's son stood to speak. He could not bear the pain it was causing his wife to be. He began to speak and his statement was this: "My fiance's past is not what is on trial here. What you are questioning is the ability of the blood of Jesus to wash away sin. Today you have put the blood of Jesus on trial. So, does it wash away sin or not?" Too often, even as Christians, we bring up the past and use it as a weapon against our brothers and sisters. Forgiveness is a very foundational part of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. If the blood of Jesus does not cleanse the other person completely, then it cannot cleanse us completely. If that is the case, then we are all in a lot of trouble. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

- [1 John 1-2 Survey](#)

- [1 John 1:5-10](#) - excerpt...

1 John 1:7 - The blood of Jesus doesn't just cleanse us from some sins, but all sins. Even the ones you might think are impossible to be forgiven.

Illustration - There's an article in this week's Time magazine (1-19-98) about a gal who is on death row in Texas for a crime committed in Houston on June 13, 1983. She had been taking an incredible amount of drugs, and with her boyfriend hacked two people to death with a pickax. She admits to the crime. She has become a born-again Christian. Could she really be forgiven? Absolutely.

Illustration - It is the closing scene in the motion picture, Ben Hur. The sky is disappearing behind the ominous looking cloud formations. The movie camera takes a long shot of three crosses rising out of a distant hill. Then the camera moves in close, closer, to the figure stretched out on the center cross. Lightning reveals a man squirming in silent agony to the rhythm of the flashes. It is raining hard. With each flash of light, the pool of rain water at the foot of the cross grows larger. Suddenly a single drop of blood drips into the pool and scatters. Then another drop falls. And then another. The pool is now tinted light red. The rain comes harder and the pool overflows into another pool immediately below it. The second pool reddens and enlarges, overflowing into still another pool which, in turn, overflows into a small stream. The blood-stained stream flows into a larger stream which meets a river which flows into an ocean.

1 John 1:8 - Don't ignore your problems. You only tend to deceive yourself and prolong the problems.

Illustration - For some people, the pain of self-realization is just too much to bear. British painter and engraver William Hogarth was once commissioned to paint the portrait of an exceptionally ugly nobleman. As was his custom, he depicted the subject with the utmost frankness and realism. When the nobleman saw the portrait, he refused to pay for it, and a bitter discussion ensued. Eventually Hogarth, needing the money, sent a letter to his client, saying that a certain showman who specialized in exhibiting freaks and monstrosities was interested in the portrait. Unless Hogarth received payment within three days, he would embellish the picture with a tail and other appendages and sell it to the showman for exhibition. The nobleman paid up, then burned the portrait.

Illustration - In Charles Colson's book, *Born Again*, which is about his experiences during Watergate, Colson shares one of President Nixon's problems -- he could never admit he was wrong in anything. In fact, Colson said that even when Nixon obviously had a cold -- nose running, face red, sneezing, all the symptoms of a cold -- he would never admit it.

- [1 John 2:1-6](#) - excerpt...

1 John 2:2 - Propitiation – hilasmos – an appeasing, propitiating. A "propitiatory" was a place where wrath was satisfied, where the price was paid. The mercy seat on the ark of the covenant was a "propitiatory", where blood was sprinkled, and the sins of the people were taken care of. The idea is that Jesus' death was what paid the price of God's righteous wrath for our sins.

Illustration - Bible teacher G. Campbell Morgan told of a coal miner who came to him and said, "I would give anything to believe that God would forgive my sins, but I cannot believe that He will forgive them if I just ask Him. It is too cheap." Morgan said, "My dear friend, have you been working today?" "Yes, I was down in the mine." "How did you get out of the pit? Did you pay?" "Of course not. I just got into to cage and was pulled to the top." "Were you not afraid to entrust yourself to that cage? Was it not too cheap?" Morgan asked. "Oh no," said the miner, "it was cheap for me, but it cost the company a lot of money to sink the shaft." Suddenly the truth struck him. What had not cost him anything -- salvation -- had not come cheap to God. This miner had never thought of the great price God paid to send His Son so He could rescue fallen humanity. Now he realized that all anyone had to do was to "get into the cage" by faith.

- [1 John 2:7-11](#)

- [1 John 2:12-17](#) - excerpt...

John has been talking about how we are to love if we're Christians. Now it's time to draw a line as to how far our love goes.

Illustration - A group of first graders had just completed a tour of a hospital, and the nurse who had directed them was asking for questions. Immediately a hand went up. "How come the people who work here are always washing their hands?" a little fellow asked. After the laughter had subsided, the nurse gave a wise answer: "They are 'always washing their hands' for two reasons. First, they love health; and second, they hate germs". (Wiersbe)

- [1 John 2:18-29](#)

- [1 John 3-5 Survey](#)

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**ADAM CLARKE
COMMENTARY
1 JOHN**

Laypeople can find it still valuable today. It is Arminian in viewpoint and thus helpful, for example, in showing the reader how this approach deals with texts involving the eternal security question. The work contains much background material from many sources on all books of the Bible.

Spurgeon - Adam Clarke is the great annotator of our Wesleyan friends; and they have no reason to be ashamed of him, for he takes rank among the chief of expositors. His mind was evidently fascinated by the singularities of learning, and hence his commentary is rather too much of an old curiosity shop, but it is filled with valuable rarities, such as none but a great man could have collected....If you have a copy of Adam Clarke, and exercise discretion in reading it, you will derive immense advantage from it, for frequently by a sort of side-light he brings out the meaning of the text in an astonishingly novel manner. I do not wonder that Adam Clarke still stands, notwithstanding his peculiarities, a prince among commentators. I do not find him so helpful as Gill, but still, from his side of the question, with which I have personally no sympathy, he is an important writer, and deserves to be studied by every reader of the Scriptures.

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STEVEN COLE

Sermons on 1 John

Excellent Resource - Functions much like a verse by verse commentary with more than 250 pages of exposition. Highly recommended.

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- [1 John 2:7-11 The Old New Commandment](#)
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- [1 John 2:15-17 Choose Your Love: the World or the Father?](#)
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- [1 John 2:24-27 Avoiding Spiritual Deception \(Part 2\)](#)
- [1 John 2:28-29 Are You Ready for His Coming?](#)
- [1 John 3:1 The Father's Great Love](#)
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- [1 John 3:11-18 Hatred or Love?](#)
- [1 John 3:19-24 Blessed Assurance](#)
- [1 John 4:1-6 Spiritual Discernment](#)
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- [1 John 4:12-16 Facing the Judgment with Confidence](#)
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THOMAS CONSTABLE

EXPOSITORY NOTES

1 JOHN

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

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- [1 John 4:11 Loving As He Loved](#)
- [1 John 4:13 Living in the Spirit](#)

A representative quote - The Christlike Life This is the only life that tells, for it is the only life that GOD can use. All that savors of the flesh, all sin and unbelief, all that partakes of darkness, all hatred or lack of love, all conformity to the Christ-refusing world - these He cannot use. But, blessed be GOD, **He has given us His Spirit for this very purpose**, that He might free us from bondage to all such and bring us out into the liberty of the sons of GOD, even to a life of conformity to His own Son. **This is the life that tells.** Not merely is it better to live for Him than to work for Him; **it is the only way, without which we cannot work for Him** (Jn 15:5, 2 Cor 3:5,6+). **There is no substitute. It is His own life in us that He uses.** This incident comes to us from the mission field: A man was about to be recalled because of apparent inability to meet certain conditions of language, etc. But his fellow-workers protested, saying, "*Please do not recall him, for his life makes up for all our talking*" Were we able fully to abide in Him that He might perfectly abide in us; could our lives reveal only CHRIST and others see "no man, save Jesus only" - such a life on the part of GOD's people would deliver a spiritual shock that would startle this old world out of its age-long unbelief. (Bold added)

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D EDMOND HIEBERT
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James Rosscup has the following note on Hiebert's book [The Epistles of John An Expositional 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](#))

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- [1 John 3:1-3 The Portraits of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 3:4-9 The Purity of the Fellowship](#)

A representative quote - "Sinneth not" - the tense of the Greek verb satisfies us that the meaning is not, committeth not an occasional act of sin, but continueth not in an habitual practice of sin. The former is, alas, not uncommon even in Christians - we do commit acts of sin; and this apostle has made allowance and provision for that fact - when, in 1 Jn 2:1, he wrote, "If any man sin". But the point here is different: it is, a **life of sinning**. An **act of sin, in a believer, is serious enough**; but a life of sin is immeasurably blameworthy. Of course, a life of plain, simple, day-by-day, step-by-step obedience would safeguard any Christian from any such presumption; while **a continuance in that sordid way should cause him to question whether he had actually ever "seen" or "known" Him personally for himself....**(Comment on 1 Jn 3:9KJV) "He cannot sin". But writing to the same group of people he said, "If any man sin", 1 Jn 2:1, as if he can! Once again the explanation lies in the use of the tenses. the "if" clause is in the aorist, and means to commit an act of sin - which even a Christian can do. **This clause is in the present, and means to continue in a life of sin - which a Christian cannot do. 1 Jn 3:6 said he does not; this 1 Jn 3:9 says he cannot. Apart from the possibility of an occasional stumble along the way, the main trend of his journey is, all the while, in purity and holiness.** (Bold added)

- [1 John 3:10-18 The Practicality of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 3:19-4:6 The Proofs of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 4:7-21 The Position of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 5:1-5 The Power of the Fellowship](#)

- [1 John 5:6-13 The Possession of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 5:14-17 The Prayers of the Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 5:18-21 The Persuasion of the Fellowship](#)

DAVID LEGGE

Sermons

1 John

- [1 John 1 Introduction](#)
- [1 John 1:1-4 Authentic Christianity](#)
- [1 John 1:5-7 The Gospel According To Christ](#)
- [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](#)
- [1 John 3:4-9 The Saint and the Sinful Existence](#)

A representative quote - Here he gives us another rule of thumb whereby we can know whether we're a child of God: **if we are not habitually living in a lifestyle of sin, a sinful existence, we can know that we are the children of God**...and when we look at this word 'commits sin' that we find in 1 Jn 3:8: 'He that committeth sin is of the devil', we find that this Greek word for 'commit' literally means 'does sin' - 'Him that does sin', and it is in the present continuous tense. That means it is someone who is doing sin now, and continues to sin. It is speaking of a continual behaviour. It actually means a sinful lifestyle, so whenever you find this in 1 John, where it talks about committing sin, it is speaking of a sinful existence, a habitual practice of sin. One translation puts it: 'No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning, no one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him'. **Now what John is doing for us in this new portion of Scripture is, he is arguing that this is another proof that one is not a child of God.** This is a great epistle concerning assurance...

- [1 John 3:10-18 Brotherly Love](#)
- [1 John 3:19-24 Confident Christianity](#)
- [1 John 4:1-6 Discerning Christianity](#)
- [1 John 4:7-21 Christian Love: Its Source and Sign](#)
- [1 John 5:1-6 The Features Of Effectual Faith](#)
- [1 John 5:6-12 The Case For Christ](#)
- [1 John 5:13-17 Sure Life And Prayer](#)
- [1 John 5:18-21 A Trinity of Certainty and Security](#)

JOHN MACARTHUR

Sermons

Epistle of First John

Recommended. Functions much like a verse by verse commentary

- [1 John Book Notes - same as in MacArthur Study Bible](#)
- [1 John Tests of Assurance - Part 1](#)
- [1 John Tests of Assurance - Part 2](#)
- [1 John Tests of Assurance - Part 3](#)
- [1 John The Marks of God's Children](#)
- [1 John John: The Apostle of Love](#)
- [1 John 1:1 Certainties of the Word of Life, Pt 1](#)
- [1 John 1:5 The Source of Light](#)

- [1 John 1:5-2:1 The Certainty of Sin, Pt 1](#)
 - [1 John 1:5-2:1 The Certainty of Sin, Pt 2](#)
 - [1 John 1:5-2:1 The Certainty of Sin, Pt 3](#)
 - [1 John 1:1-4 Certainties of the Word of Life, Pt 2](#)
 - [1 John 1:1-7 Fellowship of the Body, Part 1](#)
 - [1 John 1:1-7 The Fellowship of the Body, Part 2](#)
 - [1 John 1:8-10 Total Forgiveness and the Confession of Sin](#)
 - [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 2:12-14: 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 2:18-27: 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](#)
 - [1 John 3:1-3 The Purifying Hope, Pt 3](#)
 - [1 John 2:28-3:3 A Theology of Hope](#)
 - [1 John 3:4-10 Why Christian's & Sin are Incompatible - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
 - [1 John 3:4-10 The Christian's Incompatibility with Sin, Pt 1](#)
 - [1 John 3:4-8 The Christian's Incompatibility with Sin, Pt 2](#)
 - [1 John 3:4-9 The Christian's Incompatibility with Sin, Pt 3](#)
 - [1 John 3:11-24: How's Your Love Life? - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
 - [1 John 3:12-18 True Christians Love One Another](#)
 - [1 John 3:19 The Essential Foundation of Christian Assurance](#)
 - [1 John 3:19 Why Christians Lack Assurance](#)
 - [1 John 3:19-24 Holy Affections](#)
 - [1 John 4:1 A Call to Discernment](#)
 - [1 John 4:1-6: Test the Spirits - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
 - [1 John 4:1-6: How to Test the Spirits](#)
 - [1 John 4:7-12 Manifesting Perfect Love, Pt 1](#)
 - [1 John 4:13-21 Manifesting Perfect Love, Pt 2](#)
 - [1 John 4:7-21: Why We Should Love One Another - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
 - [1 John 5:1-5: The Victorious Life - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
 - [1 John 5:1-5: How to Recognize an Overcomer, Pt 1](#)
 - [1 John 5:6-12: The Witness of God - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
 - [1 John 5:6-8 The Witness of God, Pt 1](#)
 - [1 John 5:13-17 Christian Certainties, Pt 2](#)
 - [1 John 5:13-17: Christian Certainties-Pt 1 Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
 - [1 John 5:13 Christian Certainties, Pt 1](#)
 - [1 John 5:17-21: Christian Certainties-Pt 2 - Study Guide - see link in dropdown](#)
 - [1 John 5:18-21 Christian Certainties, Pt 3](#)
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JOHN MACARTHUR'S QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON 1 JOHN

- [1 John 2 Do Not Love the World](#)
- [1 John 3 God, Greater Than Our Hearts](#)
- [1 John 3 Assurance and Sin](#)
- [1 John 5 Praying for the Salvation of the Lost](#)
- [1 John 5 The Sin Leading to Death](#)
- [1 John 5 The Sin unto Death](#)
- [1 John 5 Satan's Role in the World System](#)

ALEXANDER MACLAREN Sermons on 1 John

James Rosscup - This evangelical work is both homiletical and expository and is often very good homiletically but weaker otherwise. Helpful in discussing Bible characters, it is weak in prophecy at times because of allegorization. It is not really as valuable today as many other sets for the serious Bible student. The expositions are in the form of sermons.

- 1 John 1:5-2:6 The Message and Its Practical Results
- 1 John 1:7 Walking in the Light
- 1 John 2:7, 8 The Commandment, Old Yet New
- 1 John 2:14 Youthful Strength
- 1 John 2:17 River And Rock
- 1 John 3:1 The Love That Calls Us Sons
- 1 John 3:2 The Unrevealed Future Of The Sons Of God
- 1 John 3:3 The Purifying Influence Of Hope
- 1 John 3:7 Practical Righteousness

A representative quote - some professing Christians seem to have their natures built, like ocean-going steamers, with water-tight compartments, on the one side of which they keep their **creed**, and there is no kind of communication between that and the other side where their **conduct** is originated. 'Little children, let no man deceive you; he that doeth righteousness is righteous.'

- 1 John 4:10 Christ's Mission The Revelation Of God's Love
- 1 John 4:17 The Servant As His Lord
- 1 John 4:18 Love And Fear
- 1 John 4:19 The Ray And The Reflection
- 1 John 5:4 Faith Conquering The World
- 1 John 5:18 Triumphant Certainties - 1
- 1 John 5:19 Triumphant Certainties - 2
- 1 John 5:20 Triumphant Certainties -3
- 1 John 5:20-21 The Last Words Of The Last Apostle

BRYN MACPHAIL Sermons 1 John

- [1 John 1:1-10 The Joy Of Being Clean](#)
- [1 John 2:1-6 Cleanliness Leads To Godliness](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Why The World Is Not Worth Loving](#)
- [1 John 3:1-12 Children Of The King'](#)

Representative quote - Let me close with a story often told by British pastor, Stuart Briscoe: In this

account, the king of England's two sons were playing in High Park, London. One said to the other, 'I'll bet you a schilling that all fat policeman have bald heads.' The other one said, 'OK, I'll bet you.' Coincidentally, an overweight police officer walked by wearing the regulation British police helmet. Of course, they would need to dislodge the helmet. Neither of the sons was very adept at that sort of exercise, but fortunately a young scruffy kid from the East Side of London came along. The sons said to the boy, 'Do you think you could dislodge that policeman's helmet for us? If you do, we will give you 6 pence.' The boy said, 'Sure', and he picked up a stone, and with a flick of the wrist, knocked the helmet right off the police officer's head. And lo and behold, the fat police officer had a baldhead. This, of course, does not prove that all fat policeman have baldheads, but the boys were not into statistical analysis. The one son said to the other, 'You owe me a schilling.' And while one son was paying his debts, and while the other son was collecting his debts, the police officer came by and asked, 'What's your names?!' The first son replied, 'Sir, I am the Prince of Wales.' The policeman said to the boy, 'First you insult my person and now you are resisting arrest. You are going to be in deep trouble young man! Now tell me your name! What is your name, really?' 'Officer, I really am the Prince of Wales'. He said, 'I don't believe you', and turned to the second son and asked, 'What's your name?' The second son replied, 'Well, he is the Prince of Wales, and I'm his brother, the Duke of Kent.' The officer said, 'I don't believe you either. First you insult my person and now you are resisting arrest. These are serious charges.' The officer then turned to the scruffy young boy and asked, 'What's your name?' The scruffy boy nudged the other two with his elbow and whispered, 'Don't worry boys, I won't let you down.' . . . 'Officer, I'm the Arch Bishop of Canterbury.' Why did the policeman not believe that the two boys were the king's sons? And why did the scruffy kid from east London not believe that the two boys were the king's sons? The answer is this: **They were not living worthy of their calling. And we must not expect anyone to believe we are Christians, we must not expect anyone to believe we are children of the King, unless we live worthy of our calling. You are a child of the King. Let your life reflect that reality.** Amen. (Bold added)

- [1 John 4:1-6 Who Should We Listen To?](#)
- [1 John 4:7-21 Where Does Love Come From?](#)
- [1 John 5:1-6 The Power To Overcome](#)
- [1 John 5:13-15 Praying God's Way](#)

HENRY MAHAN SERMONS & COMMENTARY FIRST JOHN

- [1 John 1:1-4 Eternal Life Manifested](#)
- [1 John 1:1-7 This Then Is the Message](#)
- [1 John 1:6-10 An Honest Heart Before God](#)
- [1 John 1:6-10 If We Say...](#)
- [1 John 1:6 The Web of Hypocrisy](#)
- [1 John 1:8-9 The Sinner's Saviour](#)
- [1 John 1:9 Confession of Sin](#)
- [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?](#)
- [1 John 3:1 The Sons of God](#)
- [1 John 3:2 His Mercy to His Sons](#)
- [1 John 3:14 Let Us Talk About Assurance](#)
- [1 John 3:16 He Laid Down His Life For Us](#)
- [1 John 4:1-6 Jesus Christ Is Come In the Flesh](#)
- [1 John 4:1 What Are We to Believe?](#)
- [1 John 4:7-8 Let Us Love One Another](#)
- [1 John 4:10-12 Love, the Common Bond](#)
- [1 John 5:1-4 What Is It to Be Born of God?](#)
- [1 John 5:7 Questions About the Trinity](#)
- [1 John 5:10-13 Believing God](#)

- [1 John 5:11-12 Life Is In His Son](#)
 - [1 John 5:20 Faith or Presumption?](#)
 - [1 John 5:20 The Truth of the Gospel](#)
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Henry Mahan's Commentary on 1 John

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)

Representative comment - Do not be deceived by false prophets and wicked persons who preach that it does not matter how a person lives, provided he believes the gospel, or that knowledge of theology is sufficient without obedience to the lordship of Christ in conduct. This is not true. One cannot separate faith and conduct. As Christ our Lord showed Himself to be a righteous Man by doing good, obeying the Father and demonstrating love and compassion, so those who are united to Him by faith, justified by His grace and regenerated by His Spirit will seek to imitate their Lord. As a tree is know by its fruit, so a righteous man is known by his works. Good fruit does not make a tree good, but shows it to be good; so good works do not make us righteous (only Christ can do that), but show us to be so (James 2:14-20+; James 2:26+). (Bold added)

- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

HEINRICH MEYER Critical and Exegetical Commentary 1 John

- [1 John Introduction](#)
- [1 John 1 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 4 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 5 Commentary](#)

ROB MORGAN Sermons on 1 John

Often Has excellent illustrations

- [1 John The Curious History of Christmas](#)
- [1 John 1:5-10 The Lights of Christmas](#)
- [1 John 1:7, 9 Sermon](#)
- [1 John 2:15-17 Legacy of Flowers, Legacy of Faith](#)
- [1 John 3 & 4 A Saint, a Sugar Cane and Another John 3:16](#)
- [1 John 3 A Stocking Full of Love](#)
- [1 John 5:11-12 Sermon](#)
- [1 John 5:13 Simple Series: A is for Assurance of Salvation -John 20:30-31](#)
- [1 John 5:14-15 Sermon](#)

HENRY MORRIS DEFENDER'S STUDY BIBLE

NOTES ON FIRST JOHN

Excellent, conservative, literal study Bible notes from a leading creationist commentator, Dr Henry Morris.

Note - Click the links below for the notes related to that word or phrase (which is based on the KJV translation).

Note also that some verses have more than one note (e.g., 1 John 1:1 has 3 separate notes).

1 JOHN 1

- 1 John 1:1 [from the beginning](#) [we heard](#)
- 1 John 1:2 [life was manifested](#)
- 1 John 1:3 [fellowship](#)
- 1 John 1:5 [God is light](#)
- 1 John 1:6 [do not the truth](#)
- 1 John 1:7 [fellowship one with another](#) [cleanseth us](#) [all sin](#)
- 1 John 1:8 [deceive ourselves](#)
- 1 John 1:9 [confess our sins](#) [cleanse us](#)
- 1 John 1:10 [have not sinned](#)

1 JOHN 2

- 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](#)

1 JOHN 3

- 1 John 3:1 [sons of God](#)
- 1 John 3:2 [shall be like him](#)
- 1 John 3:3 [purifieth himself](#)
- 1 John 3:5 [in him is no sin](#)
- 1 John 3:6 [neither known him](#)
- 1 John 3:8 [from the beginning](#) [was manifested](#)
- 1 John 3:10 [children of the devil](#)
- 1 John 3:11 [from the beginning](#)
- 1 John 3:12 [Cain wicked one](#)
- 1 John 3:14 [passed from death unto life](#) [love the brethren](#)
- 1 John 3:15 [a murderer](#)
- 1 John 3:16 [lay down our lives](#)
- 1 John 3:17 [seeth](#)
- 1 John 3:18 [not love in word](#)
- 1 John 3:22 [we receive of him](#)
- 1 John 3:23 [he gave us commandment](#)

- 1 John 3:24 [he in him the Spirit](#)

1 JOHN 4

- 1 John 4:1 [try the spirits](#) [false prophets](#)
- 1 John 4:2 [come in the flesh](#)
- 1 John 4:3 [spirit of antichrist](#)
- 1 John 4:4 [he that is in you](#)
- 1 John 4:6 [spirit of error](#)
- 1 John 4:8 [God is love](#)
- 1 John 4:9 [only begotten Son](#)
- 1 John 4:10 [propitiation](#)
- 1 John 4:12 [No man hath seen God](#)
- 1 John 4:13 [Hereby know](#)
- 1 John 4:14 [the Saviour](#)
- 1 John 4:18 [no fear in love](#)

1 JOHN 5

- 1 John 5:1 [loveth him also](#)
- 1 John 5:2 [keep his commandments](#)
- 1 John 5:4 [whatsoever](#)
- 1 John 5:6 [water and blood](#) [Spirit that beareth witness](#)
- 1 John 5:7 [these three are one](#)
- 1 John 5:8 [witness in earth](#)
- 1 John 5:10 [hath the witness](#) [made him a liar](#) [the record](#)
- 1 John 5:12 [hath life](#)
- 1 John 5:13 [that ye may know](#)
- 1 John 5:16 [sin unto death](#) [pray for it](#)
- 1 John 5:17 [unrighteousness is sin](#)
- 1 John 5:18 [sinneth not](#) [keepeth himself](#)
- 1 John 5:19 [wickedness](#)
- 1 John 5:21 [idols](#)

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OUR DAILY BREAD Devotionals Related to 1 John Radio Bible Class

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- [1 John 1 A Clear Conscience](#)
- [1 John 1 The Big Comeback](#)
- [1 John 1:1 Words That Matter](#)
- [1 John 1:1,3 We Touched Him!](#)

- [1 John 1:1-5 The Human Camera](#)
- [1 John 1:1-7 The Right Light](#)
- [1 John 1:1-10 The Truth About Sin](#)
- [1 John 1:1-10 An Insult To God](#)
- [1 John 1:1-10 The Biggest Lie](#)
- [1 John 1:1-10 Totally Clean](#)
- [1 John 1:2 Celebrate The Man](#)
- [1 John 1:2 Contact](#)
- [1 John 1:2 The Needed Antenna](#)
- [1 John 1:3 Eyewitness](#)
- [1 John 1:3 Eyewitness Account](#)
- [1 John 1:2 The Witness of Friends](#)
- [1 John 1:3 Time Off](#)
- [1 John 1:3 True Fellowship](#)
- [1 John 1:3 Why We Need Others](#)
- [1 John 1:4 He Put It In Writing](#)
- [1 John 1:4 Are You Happy?](#)
- [1 John 1:4 The Smile of Joy](#)
- [1 John 1:5-10 Hidden Sin](#)
- [1 John 1:5-10 The Sin Buildup](#)
- [1 John 1:7 How to Clean Anything](#)
- [1 John 1:7 Walk for Your Health](#)
- [1 John 1:7 Something More to Give](#)
- [1 John 1:7 Secrets](#)
- [1 John 1:7 There When You Need It](#)
- [1 John 1:7 Thanksgiving Pardon](#)
- [1 John 1:8 The Biggest Lie](#)
- [1 John 1:8 The Tyranny of the Perfect](#)
- [1 John 1:8 Fox Trouble](#)
- [1 John 1:8 I'd Rather Die Than Lie](#)
- [1 John 1:9 The Eraser of Confession](#)
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- [1 John 1:9 Here Comes the Boss!](#)
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- [1 John 1:9 Bouncing Back](#)
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- [1 John 1:9 Christingle](#)
- [1 John 1:9 Pardon Me!](#)
- [1 John 1:9 God Wants Your Garbage](#)
- [1 John 1:9 Repenting And Rejoicing](#)
- [1 John 1:9 The Sanity Of Confession](#)
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- [1 John 1:9 Why Can't I Feel Forgiven?](#)
- [1 John 1:9 Inside Out](#)
- [1 John 1:9 Taking Out the Trash](#)
- [1 John 1:9 Totally Clean](#)
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1 JOHN 2 DEVOTIONALS

- [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](#)
- [1 John 2:8 Living in the Light](#)
- [1 John 2:12 A Letter From C. S. Lewis](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 The Circle Of The Wise](#)
- [1 John 2:12-17 Satisfaction](#)
- [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](#)
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- [1 John 2:15 Snails](#)
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- [1 John 2:24-29 Presents Or Presence?s](#)
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- [1 John 2:24-3:3 Our Dependency](#)
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- [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?](#)
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1 JOHN 3 DEVOTIONALS

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- [1 John 3:1-3 The Best Companion](#)
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- [1 John 3:2 Like Him](#)
- [1 John 3:2 End of Construction](#)
- [1 John 3:2 We Shall Be Changed](#)

- [1 John 3:2 We Will See Him](#)
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- [1 John 3:2 Hyperseeing](#)
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- [1 John 3:3 Let's Be Ready](#)
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- 19th The Path Of Love (1 John 3:11-14) — Is one of our prerequisites for loving others that they love us first? Apart from having a new Life within we cannot at all evidence the love God commanded us to show.
- 20th The Murderer Within (1 John 3:15-18) — In our season here on earth everyone will have times filled with hate for another; and suppression just increases it. How do we return control to the One who is Love?
- 21st The Christian's Tranquilizer (1 John 3:19-20) — When we suffer loneliness, a guilty conscience, or our hearts feel pressured with condemnation, how do we avail ourselves the joy & healing power of His Presence?
- 22nd Power In Prayer (1 John 3:21-24) — Nothing is quite so boring as Christianity without Christ. An intimate relationship is immersed in communication. Is our daily prayer free & flowing or merely formulated?
- 23rd When Unbelief Is Right (1 John 4:1-3) — No one will dispute the fact of the existence of chaos and anarchy in the world. Have we in our intellectual pride rejected the existence of evil spirits as irrelevant fantasy?
- 24th God Is Greater (1 John 4:4-6) — Theological debates can be enlightening sources of learning, yet also wellsprings of pride. Have we first drunk deeply of the life of Christ in us?
- 25th God Is Love (1 John 4:7-10) — God showed His love by sending His Son that we might live through Him. Have we learned to recognize the true nature of Love as evidenced in all of God's actions?
- 26th The Debt Of Love (1 John 4:11-16) — Unless we have the life of God, we cannot love one another. Have we grasped and exercised the power of His Presence so as not to find this a surprising truth?
- 27th Confidence At The Judgment (1 John 4:17-21) — What happens when we die? Where do we find the knowledge to confidently answer this question? Are we making ourselves available to Him who loves through us?
- 28th We Shall Overcome (1 John 5:1-5) — How are we handling the pressures of life? Are we white-knuckling it, trying to overcome our difficulties, or are we with growing faith resting in Christ at work in us?
- 29th Does God Lie? (1 John 5:6-13) — Do we find it easy to believe a trusted friend, or even a stranger or the daily media, but doubt what God says in His Word? Are we making God out to be a liar?
- 30th Praying Boldly (1 John 5:14-17) — Prayer is designed only to obtain that which is within the will of God. After we pray, are we left in the worry that perhaps prompted us or do we have confidence? Why?
- 31st Guard Yourself (1 John 5:18-21) — Many think idols are religious things of the past. But today in the present, what is it that makes us enthusiastic? What is it that we regard as supremely important?

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Today's Word

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C H Dodd

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is unknown, not the son of Zebedee (xix); thinks John had a crude view of sin (22); argues for expiation, not propitiation on 2:2 (25); the "children, fathers, young men" of 2:12ff. are "not much more than a rhetorical figure (38); only "eccentric sects" expect the end of the world (45); prefers "realized eschatology" to the "crude mythology" of the Book of Revelation (50-51); thinks John is mistaken about the chronology of judgment (121). Dodd is highly praised by almost everyone but I find it difficult to see why. The quality of his prose is superb, but he is so bound to his old-fashioned liberal tradition that, on point after point, he is wildly out of sympathy with the text.

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James Rosscup - Though often scanty, the work edited by a brilliant scholar is sometimes very helpful. Ellicott was an Anglican bishop. The New Testament part is more valuable. The work dates back to 1897 and is verse by verse, consisting of 2,292 pp. Ellicott was an outstanding Anglican conservative scholar of the 19th century in England. He also wrote critical commentaries on Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians and Philemon. Different scholars here contributed on different scripture books, Famous names included are George Rawlinson (Exodus), H. D. M. Spence (1 Samuel), E. H. Plumptre (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Acts, 2 Corinthians), W. Sanday (Romans, Galatians), Alfred Plummer (2 Peter, Jude), etc. A one-volume condensation edited by John Bowdle is available (Zondervan, 1971, 1,242 pages).

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- 1 John 4:7-14; **Our Corporate Witness:** We are to love one another as Christ loved us so that we reveal God's message of love and salvation to the world. [Video](#)
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- 1 John 3:1-10 (N/A)
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- [Those Purified by Christ Walk in God's Light. - 1 John 1:6-2:2](#)
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- [1 John 4: How to Test the Spirits Chapter 29 "Man the Dwelling Place of God](#)

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JOHN WHITCOMB

- [The Judgment Throne \(Béma\) of Christ](#) (1 John 1:9)

GEORGE ZELLER - Middletown Bible

- [Does the Book of 1 John Present Tests of Fellowship or Signs of Life?](#)
- 1 John 3:10 [Children of God and Children of the Devil](#)
- [Loving the Brethren - Teachings of Zane Hodges](#)
- [The Unusual Teachings of Zane Hodges](#)
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- [What is free grace? What is Free Grace Theology?](#)
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BEST COMMENTARIES ON FIRST JOHN

- [Best Commentaries on 1, 2, & 3 John - Challies Dot Com](#)
- [Top 5 Commentaries on the Epistles of John by Keith Mathison - Ligonier Ministries Blog](#)
- [Best Commentary on Johannine Epistles - Best Commentaries Reviews](#)

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](#)

See Paul's Apple's introduction for some well worded comments on the interpretative approach of **Zane Hodges** (et al) - Excerpt...

The bottom line is that from an interpretation standpoint, 1 John truly is about "tests of life" with the emphasis on this second track of assurance. From an application standpoint many of the pastoral concerns of Hodges (and others) are certainly helpful in terms of motivating believers to live in closer fellowship with the Father, abiding in a deeper sense, etc. Certainly we all benefit from applying to our lives those challenges that call us to love our brother, to separate from worldliness, to embrace the truth, to recognize error, to continue to confess our sin on an ongoing basis, etc. We can all improve in terms of drawing closer to God. But that is by way of application -- not interpretation. When you look at the contrasts presented in the epistle (between light and darkness, between life and death, between truth and error ... read through the book on your own and make a list of these contrasts ...) it is evident that these are black and white distinctions between believers and non-believers. John is presenting pass / fail tests that are designed to increase our level of assurance as believers. (Click for Paul's Apple's introduction)

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](#))

A E BROOKE

- The International Critical Commentary - A Critical and Exegetical Commentary [Contents](#) - Note: This work is somewhat verbose and can be very liberal so it should be read with a strong Acts 17:11 Berean mindset to avoid missing the true meaning of the text!
- **John Cereghin** - He thinks in I John, Christ is "separated from us by sinlessness rather than by Divinity" (xvi); will not suggest who the author is (xviii); discusses the meaning of "propitiation" (23-27); argues from the meaning of the Greek tense; refers to the antichrist legend (59,69-79); holds that John clearly identified Jesus the man who lived a human life with the Son of God (121-122); has extended comments on the text of the "heavenly witnesses" (154-165). (He paraphrases [Cyril Barber's](#) comment in which he latter says Brooke) Deprecates the deity of Christ, rejects as "legend" the teaching regarding the Antichrist and minimizes the efficacy of Christ's death on the cross. Exegetically valuable; theological unreliable.
- [1 John 1](#)
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- [1 John 5](#)

HENRY COWLES

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JOHN DUMMELOW

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- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE

Warren W. Wiersbe - If you can locate the six-volume edition of the Expositor's Bible, buy it immediately! It takes up less space than the original fifty-volume set, and not everything in the original set is worth owning. Samuel H. Kellogg on Leviticus is a classic; so is Alexander Maclaren on the Psalms and on Colossians.

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

A C GAEBELEIN

Rosscup - This dispensationally oriented work is not verse-by-verse, but deals with the exposition on a broader scale, treating blocks of thought within the chapters. The author was a popular evangelical Bible teacher of the first part of the century, much like H. A. Ironside in his diligent but broad, practical expositions of Bible books. Gaebelein was premillennial and dispensational, and editor for many years of Our Hope Magazine.

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

JOHN GILL

James Rosscup - Gill (1697–1771), a pastor of England, wrote these which are two-column pages, ca. 900–1,000 pages per volume, Originally they were 9 volumes, folio. He also wrote Body of Divinity, 3 volumes, and several other volumes. His commentary is evangelical, wrestles with texts, is often wordy and not to the point but with worthy things for the patient who follow the ponderous detail and fish out slowly what his interpretation of a text is. He feels the thousand years in Revelation 20 cannot begin until after the conversion of the Jews and the bringing in of the fullness of the Gentiles and destruction of all anti-Christian powers (volume 6, p. 1063) but in an amillennial sense of new heavens and new earth coming right after Christ's second advent (1064–65), and the literal thousand years of binding at the same time. He feels the group that gathers against the holy city at the end of the thousand years is the resurrected wicked dead from the four quarters of the earth (i.e. from all the earth, etc. (1067).

Spurgeon - Beyond all controversy, Gill was one of the most able Hebraists of his day, and in other matters no mean proficient...His [ultraism](#) is discarded, but his learning is respected: the world and the church take leave to question his dogmatism, but they both bow before his erudition. Probably no man since Gill's days has at all equalled him in the matter of Rabbinical learning.

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

DAVID GUZIK - brief but well done, conservative notes. Recommended.

More modern commentary. Conservative. Brief comments.

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

ROBERT HAWKER

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
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- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

MATTHEW HENRY

Spurgeon - A Christian man wishing for the cream of expository writers could not make a better purchase. Ministers, as a rule, should not buy condensations, but get the works themselves.

James Rosscup - This evangelical work, devotional in character, has been in constant demand for about 280 years. Its insight into human problems is great, but it often does not deal adequately with problems in the text. The one-volume form eliminates the Biblical text and is thus less bulky. It has sold very well. The late Wilbur M. Smith, internationally noted Bible teacher, seminary professor and lover of books, tabbed this "The greatest devotional commentary ever written". Henry was born in a Welch farmhouse, studied law, and became a Presbyterian minister near London. He wrote this commentary in the last 13 years before he died at 52 in 1714. The first of six volumes was published in 1708. He completed through Acts, and the rest of the New Testament was done by 14 clergymen.

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
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- [1 John 1](#)
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- [1 John 5](#)

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, AND BROWN

Rosscup - This is a helpful old set of 1863 for laypeople and pastors to have because it usually comments at least to some degree on problems. Though terse, it provides something good on almost any passage, phrase by phrase and is to some degree critical in nature. It is evangelical. There is also a 1-volume edition, briefer at some points (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1961). Especially in its multi-volume form this is one of the old evangelical works that offers fairly solid though brief help on many verses. Spurgeon said, "It contains so great a variety of information that if a man had no other exposition he would find himself at no great loss if he possessed this and used it diligently" (Commenting and Commentaries, p. 3). Things have changed greatly since this assessment! It is primarily of help to pastors and lay people looking for quick, though usually somewhat knowledgeable treatments on verses.

Spurgeon - A really standard work. We consult it continually, and with growing interest. Mr. Fausset's portion strikes us as being of the highest order.

My Comment - This is one of the best older (Pre-1800) works on interpretation of prophecy as it tends to interpret the text literally and not allegorically.

- [1 John 1](#) ([1 John 1 Unabridged Version](#))
- [1 John 2](#) ([1 John 2 Unabridged Version](#))
- [1 John 3](#) ([1 John 3 Unabridged Version](#))
- [1 John 4](#) ([1 John 4 Unabridged Version](#))
- [1 John 5](#) ([1 John 5 Unabridged Version](#))

PAUL E KRETZMANN (POPULAR COMMENTARY)

Lutheran pastor.

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

WILLIAM KELLY

[Hiebert's critique](#) - Prints author's new translation. Twenty wordy lectures by a noted Plymouth Brethren scholar of the past century. Provides an important study of the text with numerous comments and illustrations of the religious scene from a perspective of intense loyalty to the Scriptures.

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

LANGE COMMENTARY

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

Rosscup - The treatments of books within this evangelical set vary in importance. Generally, one finds a wealth of detailed commentary, background, and some critical and exegetical notes. Often, however, there is much excess verbiage that does not help particularly. On the other hand, it usually has something to assist the expositor on problems and is a good general set for pastors and serious lay people though it is old.

- [1 John - Variable Quality \(sometimes liberal\) with occasionally useful comments](#)
- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

ROBERT LAW

- [1 John Commentary - The Tests of Life](#)

JOHN JAMES LIAS (1887)

- **Cyril Barber** - One of the finest exegetical and expository works for preachers. Provides an excellent basis for a series of sermons. Deserves a place in the library of every minister and lay preacher. ([The Minister's Library - Volume 2](#))
- [Hiebert's critique](#) - A full, conservative exposition of 1 John by a British preacher and scholar. **At the bottom of each page, in smaller type, is added a homiletical treatment of the epistle.** (Nice addition!)
- [Introduction](#)
- [1 John 1:1 The Word of Life](#)
- [1 John 1:5-10 The Message](#)
- [1 John 2:1-6 The Forgiveness of Sins and Its Results](#)
- [1 John 2:7-11 Darkness and Light](#)
- [1 John 2:12-14 The Object of the Appeal - Love Not the World](#)
- [1 John 2:18-19 - The Work of Antichrist](#)
- [1 John 2:20-21 The Effects of Belief in the Truth](#)
- [1 John 2:22-24 Rejection and Acceptance of God's Revelation](#)
- [1 John 2:25-27 The Blessing of Abiding in the Truth](#)
- [1 John 2:28 The Righteousness of Christ to Be Manifested in Us](#)

- [1 John 3:1 The Privileges of the Christian](#)
- [1 John 3:2 The Future of the Children of God](#)
- [1 John 3:3-6 Purity by Abiding in Christ](#)
- [1 John 3:7-9 True Holiness](#)
- [1 John 3:10-13 Love the Sign of the Believer](#)
- [1 John 3:14-18 Passing from Death Unto Life](#)
- [1 John 3:19-24 Christian Assurance](#)
- [1 John 4:1-6 Spiritual Influence](#)
- [1 John 4:7-13 Love A Divine Gift](#)
- [1 John 4:14-16 Teaching of Christian Experience](#)
- [1 John 4:17-21 Character of Christian Experience](#)
- [1 John 5:1-5 Source of the Life of Love](#)
- [1 John 5:6 Union With Christ](#)
- [1 John 5:7-13 The Three Witnesses](#)
- [1 John 5:14-21 Conclusion of the Epistle](#)

IAN MACKERVOY

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

F B MEYER (THROUGH THE BIBLE COMMENTARY)

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

- [1 John Introduction](#)
- [1 John 1 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 4 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 5 Commentary](#)

James Rosscup - Morgan deals with the Bible chapter by chapter, with nearly 300 words on each. He devotes 400 pages to the Old Testament, 150 to the New Testament. It is a stimulating broad evangelical coverage of Scripture, if the reader is looking for synthesis rather than detail. Morgan was a master expositor in the early part of this century. Some of the effort is so general it is of little help except to those looking for sketchy treatment. It is evangelical and premillennial. Morgan is better in such works as *The Crises of the Christ*.

JAMES MORGAN (1866)

- **Spurgeon** comments: "Dr. Candlish says that this is a work "of great practical interest and value," and that had it appeared at an earlier date, "he might have abstained from issuing" his own *Lectures on this Epistle*. We are glad to possess both works." ([Commenting and Commentaries](#))
- [1 John: An Exposition \(Table of Contents\)](#)

J VERNON MCGEE - mp3

- [1 John Introduction -Thru the Bible](#)
- [1 John 1 Commentary -Thru the Bible](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary -Thru the Bible](#)
- [1 John 3 Commentary -Thru the Bible](#)
- [1 John 4 Commentary -Thru the Bible](#)
- [1 John 5 Commentary -Thru the Bible](#)

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](#)
- [Intro](#)
- [Chap 1](#)
- [Chap 2](#)
- [Chap 3](#)
- [Chap 4](#)
- [Chap 5:2-3ff](#)

JOSEPH PARKER (THE PEOPLE'S BIBLE)

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)

Rosscup: This work, later called Preaching Through the Bible (Baker Book House), is rich in its applications and exhortations, though often not particularly helpful for the reader who is looking for exposition that stays right with the text. Treatment of the texts is sermoniac. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

ROBERT NEIGHBOR - WELLS OF LIVING WATER COMMENTARY

- [Introduction](#)
- [1 John 1 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 2 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 3 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 4 Commentary](#)
- [1 John 5 Commentary](#)

JAMES NISBET (CHURCH PULPIT COMMENTARY)

- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

SAMUEL EYLES PIERCE (1835)

- **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 \(Volume 1 & 2\)](#)

HENRY SAWTELLE (1888)

- [Hiebert's critique](#) - A conservative interpretation by a Baptist scholar of the past century. Offers a careful unfolding of the original for the English reader. 84 pages but print small so in effect well over 100 pages compared to usual text size. Easy to follow verse by verse and phrase by phrase exposition.
- [1 John 1](#)
- [1 John 2](#)
- [1 John 3](#)
- [1 John 4](#)
- [1 John 5](#)

JOHN STOCK (1865)

- [The First Epistle General of John, An Exposition](#)
- **Spurgeon** says "Written by a well-instructed man of God. For spiritual teaching the work is second to none. Dr. Candlish prized it greatly." ([Commenting and commentaries](#))

CHAPTER AND VERSE

1 John 1

BRUCE HURT, MD

- 1 John 1:1
- 1 John 1:2
- 1 John 1:3
- 1 John 1:4
- 1 John 1:5
- 1 John 1:6
- 1 John 1:7
- 1 John 1:8
- 1 John 1:9
- 1 John 1:10

STEVE ANDREWS

- [1 John 1 - Complete Joy: A Motive for Evangelism](#)

RICK EZELL

- [1 John 1 How to Connect with God's Family](#)

NET BIBLE

- [1 John 1 - Net Bible Notes synchronized with Thomas Constable's Notes](#)
- **Caveat Emptor:** While Constable's notes are generally excellent, his statement that "A practicing sinner...can have a relationship with God (i.e., be a true Christian)" is problematic. The crucial question is this - can a **"practicing sinner"** be a **"true Christian"**? The answer depends on what one means by **"practicing."** If Constable means that a so-called "true Christian" **can live in habitual sin, constantly practicing sin**, then this person even by the John's "definition" is **NOT a genuine Christian** for the apostle writes "one who [present tense](#) = continually] practices sin is of the devil." (1 Jn 3:8[±]) A person who truly has the indwelling HOLY SPIRIT, **CANNOT** continually practice sin! John explains that **No** ("ou" the strongest negative in Greek ~ "absolutely no!") one who is born of God (continually) practices sin (as the habit of their life), (Note carefully the next [term of explanation](#) - John clearly explains why a true believer absolutely cannot continually live in sin) because His seed (the Spirit of Christ -Ro 8:9+) abides in him; and he **cannot** ([present tense](#) - continually, as his habit of life; again notice that **"not"** is "ou" = absolute negation!) sin, because he is born of God." (1 Jn 3:9[±]) Note carefully what John is not saying here - he is NOT saying saved sinners do not sin! They do! This writer (yours truly) is proof of that [axiom!](#) The qualifier is that they do not make sinning their everyday, moment by moment practice. Stated another way they do not "live" to sin! Or stated even another way, before we were saved we chased after sin, but after we are saved, sin chases after us! As [brand new](#) creatures in Christ (2 Cor 5:17+) we are dead to sin (Ro 6:1-2+, Ro 6:11-14+) and have a new Source of power to live holy lives, the indwelling Spirit of Christ (1 Cor 3:16+, Ro 8:13[±]). And while we certainly do stumble and fall from time to time into old sinful ways, that is not our "lifestyle." To the contrary, the general "direction" of our brand new life in Christ is toward heaven, not toward hell (cp two ways = Mt 7:13-14[±], Ps 1:6+)! Genuine believers are not "of the devil" (1 Jn 3:8[±]), whose future destiny is the Lake of Fire (Mt 25:41+). To reiterate, Constable's notes are generally very good, but one must maintain a Berean mindset when using them. (Acts 17:11+).

J C RYLE

- [1 John 1:8 Are You Born Again? - 7 references from 1John](#)

JAMES HASTINGS (GREAT TEXTS)

- [1 John 1:7 Fellowship in the Light](#)
- [1 John 1:8-9 Righteous Forgiveness](#)

ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 1:3 Fellowship](#)

NORMAN HARRISON

- [1 John 1:3 A Fellowship - Threefold and Three-Tense](#)
- [1 John 1:7 Walking in the Light](#)

DANIEL WALLACE

- [1 John 1:5-10: Honest to God-God is Not a Pit Stop](#)

W A CRISWELL

- [1 John 1:7 The Blood of Jesus Christ](#)
- [1 John 1:3-7 The Blood of Jesus Christ](#)
- [1 John 1:7 The Blood of Jesus Christ](#)
- [1 John 1:9 If We Confess Our Sins](#)
- [1 John 1:8-10 The Confession of Sin](#)

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- [1 John 1:5 The God of Light](#)

J C RYLE

- [1 John 1:9: Do You Confess?](#)

J C PHILPOT

- [1 John 1:9:What? Will He forgive us all sins?](#)

MIDDLETOWN BIBLE

- [1 John 1:9: Confessing Sins](#)

ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 1:9: Confession](#)

CHAPTER AND VERSE

1 John 2

COMMENTARY BY BRUCE HURT

- 1 John 2:1
- 1 John 2:2

- 1 John 2:3
- 1 John 2:4
- 1 John 2:5
- 1 John 2:6
- 1 John 2:7
- 1 John 2:8
- 1 John 2:9
- 1 John 2:10
- 1 John 2:11
- 1 John 2:12
- 1 John 2:13
- 1 John 2:14
- 1 John 2:15
- 1 John 2:16
- 1 John 2:17
- 1 John 2:18
- 1 John 2:19
- 1 John 2:20
- 1 John 2:21
- 1 John 2:22
- 1 John 2:23
- 1 John 2:24
- 1 John 2:25
- 1 John 2:26
- 1 John 2:27
- 1 John 2:28
- 1 John 2:29

NET BIBLE

- [1 John 2 - Net Bible Notes synchronized with Thomas Constable's Notes](#) (Caveat)

JAMES HASTINGS (GREAT TEXTS)

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

W A CRISWELL

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

JOHN BUNYAN

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

WILLIAM LAW

- [1 John 2:1 Advocate](#)

CALVIN WITTMAN

- [1 John 2 - Christ Our Advocate](#)

RICK EZELL

- [1 John 2 Obeying the Commandments](#)

UNKNOWN

- [1 John 2:2 Understanding this Text](#)

ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 2:2 Propitiation](#)

NORMAN HARRISON

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

THOMAS WATSON

- [1 John 2:6 Walking pictures of Christ!](#)

JOHN FAWCETT

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

J R MILLER

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

ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 2:9 Apostasy](#)

WILLIAM MACDONALD

- [1 John 2:15 Love Not the Word](#)

DONALD MILLS

- [The Holy Spirit In First John](#)

C H SPURGEON

- [1 John 2:15 The World is Fading Away!](#)

J C RYLE

- [1 John 2:15 We find that they are empty bubbles!](#) - bottom half of page
- 1 John 2:6 WWJD?

JOHN ANGELL JAMES

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

THOMAS WATSON

- [1 John 2:15 The creature has a little honey in its mouth — but it has wings!](#)

BIBLEHUB

- [1 John 2:15-17 Multiple Sermons](#) (Wesley, Mayor, Candlish, Maclaren, etc)

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](#)"

ILLUSTRATIONS

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

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 Unction \(Anointing\) of The Holy Spirit](#)

DANIEL WALLACE

- [1 John 2:20, 27: The Holy Spirit and Hermeneutics](#)

JOHN MACARTHUR

- [1 John - Love Not the World - Study Guide - click drop down menu](#)
- [1 John 2:18-4:12 Marks of a True Believer - Study Guide - click drop down menu](#)

NORMAN HARRISON

- [1 John 2:28 The Abiding Life](#)

C H SPURGEON

- [1 John 2:28 Little Children](#)

CHAPTER AND VERSE

1 John 3

COMMENTARY BY BRUCE HURT

- 1 John 3:1
- 1 John 3:2
- 1 John 3:3
- 1 John 3:4
- 1 John 3:5
- 1 John 3:6
- 1 John 3:7
- 1 John 3:8
- 1 John 3:9
- 1 John 3:10
- 1 John 3:11
- 1 John 3:12
- 1 John 3:13
- 1 John 3:14
- 1 John 3:15
- 1 John 3:16

- [1 John 3:17](#)
- [1 John 3:18](#)
- [1 John 3:19](#)
- [1 John 3:20](#)
- [1 John 3:21](#)
- [1 John 3:22](#)
- [1 John 3:23](#)
- [1 John 3:24](#)

JAMES HASTINGS (GREAT TEXTS)

- [1 John 3:1 The Love that Confers Sonship](#)
- [1 John 3:2 What We Are and What We Shall Be](#)
- [1 John 3:3 The Power of the Christian Hope](#)

NET BIBLE

- [1 John 3 - Net Bible Notes synchronized with Thomas Constable's Notes \(Caveat\)](#)

RAY PRITCHARD

- [1 John 3:1-3 We Shall Be Like Him- The Purifying Hope of Christ's Return](#)

CALVIN WITTMAN

- [1 John 3:13-23 Jesus Lives for Us](#)

RICK EZELL

- [1 John 3:11-18 Loving the Family](#)

ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE

- [1 John 3:1: Adoption](#)

W A CRISWELL

- [1 John 3:1-8 At the Appearing of Christ](#)
- [1 John 3:1-10 At the Appearing of Jesus](#)
- [1 John 3:1-9 The Sins of the Saints](#)
- [1 John 3:24 How Can I Know I Am Saved?](#)

ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 3:1-2 Rapture](#)

MURDOCH CAMPBELL

- [1 John 3:2-3: We Shall Be Like Him](#)

JOHN MACDUFF

- [1 John 3:2: We Shall Be Like Him](#)

MURDOCH CAMPBELL

- [1 John 3:2-3 The God of Bethel](#)

JOHN WESLEY

- [1 John 3:8: End of Christ's Coming](#)
- [1 John 3:9: Great Privilege of Those that are Born of God](#)

DEREK THOMAS

- [1 John 3:10-24 The Test of Love](#)

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- [1 John 3:14 Christian Love, a Test of Christian Character](#)

CHAPTER AND VERSE

1 John 4

COMMENTARY BY BRUCE HURT

- 1 John 4:1
- 1 John 4:2
- 1 John 4:3
- 1 John 4:4
- 1 John 4:5
- 1 John 4:6
- 1 John 4:7
- 1 John 4:8
- 1 John 4:9
- 1 John 4:10
- 1 John 4:11
- 1 John 4:12
- 1 John 4:13
- 1 John 4:14
- 1 John 4:15
- 1 John 4:16
- 1 John 4:17
- 1 John 4:18
- 1 John 4:19
- 1 John 4:20
- 1 John 4:21

NET BIBLE

- [1 John 4 - Net Bible Notes synchronized with Thomas Constable's Notes](#) ([Caveat](#))

BRIAN BILL

- [1 John 4:1-7 The DaVinci Code - Separating Fact from Fiction](#)
- [1 John 4:7-12 Love One Another](#)

NORMAN HARRISON

- [1 John 4:11 Loving As He Loved](#)
- [1 John 4:13 Living in the Spirit](#)

JAMES HASTINGS (GREAT TEXTS)

- [1 John 4:7 The Bond of Brotherhood](#)
[1 John 4:8 God](#)

RAY PRITCHARD

- [1 John 4:8 Sense and Nonsense About God's Love](#)

W A CRISWELL

- [1 John 4:10 The Love of God](#)
- [1 John 4:7-21 The Love of God](#)
- [1 John 4:14 The Savior of the World](#)
- [1 John 4:14 The Savior of the World - 2](#)

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

- [1 John 4:15-17 The Life of the Christian - Its Expression](#)

JAMES HASTINGS (GREAT TEXTS)

- [1 John 4:18 Love Casting Out Fear](#)
- [1 John 4:19 The Ray and the Reflection](#)

CHAPTER AND VERSE

1 John 5

NET BIBLE

- [1 John 5 - Net Bible Notes synchronized with Thomas Constable's Notes \(Caveat\)](#)

JOHN MACARTHUR

- [1 John 5:1-21 The Assurance of Victory- Study Guide - click drop down menu](#)

DEREK THOMAS

- [1 John 5:1-5 Loving the Father, the Son, the Commands, and Overcoming the World](#)

J C RYLE

- [1 John 5: Are You Born Again?](#)

CHARLES T BUNTIN

- [1 John 5:1-7 The Circle of Faith](#)

NORMAN HARRISON

- [1 John 5:4 The Victory - Threefold and Three-Tense](#)

JOHN ANGELL JAMES

- [1 John 5:4 Faith's Victory over the World](#)

ARTHUR PINK

- [1 John 5:4 Overcoming the World](#) from his paper [Faith as an Overcomer](#)

JAMES HASTINGS (GREAT TEXTS)

- [1 John 5:4 Victory over the World](#)
- [1 John 5:21 The Peril of Idolatry](#)

W A CRISWELL

- [1 John 5:6-10 The Three Witnesses](#)
- [1 John 5:6-12 The Three Witnesses in Earth](#)
- [1 John 5:6-17 The Three Witnesses](#)
- [1 John 5:6-12 The Three Witnesses - 2](#)
- [1 John 5:5-8 Atonement in the Writings of John and in the Book of Hebrews](#)
- [1 John 5:16-17 The Sin Unto Death](#)

JOHN WESLEY

- [1 John 5:7: On the Trinity](#)

JOHN GILL

- [1 John 5:7: The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity](#)

DANIEL WALLACE

- [1 John 5:7-8 The Textual Problem](#)

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

- [1 John 5:10 Jesus the True God, and His Work All-sufficient](#) from his booklet [THE HOLY SPIRIT, An Experimental and Practical View](#)

RONALD MEEKS

- [1 John 5:12-13 Do You Know that You Have Eternal Life?](#)

Excerpt - In his song "[The Change?](#)" (Ed: Listen to it! John would agree with Chapman's words!) contemporary Christian artist Stephen Curtis Chapman asks if our lives as believers are marked by transformation. When we come to know Christ and receive eternal life, our lives will give evidence by changes toward Christlikeness that take place. Our lives will be changed as we have a growing faith in Christ, as we become more like Him, as we have an increasing love for our brothers, and as we recognize the abiding presence of God's Spirit. What about you? Is there any change?

ILLUSTRATIONS

- [1 John 5:13 Assurance of Salvation - several illustrations](#)

RBC BOOKLET

- [1 John on The Assurance Of Salvation](#)

F F BRUCE

- [1 John 5:16-17 The Sin Unto Death - Problem Texts](#)

IRVIN A BUSENITZ - recommended

- 1 John 5:16 The Sin Unto Death

JOHN WESLEY

- [1 John 5:20: Spiritual Worship](#)

SERMONS BY VERSE

1 John

1 JOHN 1

Appropriating Faith	Anon.	1 John 1:1-4
Christ the Revealer of God	S. E. Pierce.	1 John 1:1-4
Contemplative Faith	A. R. Fausset, M. A.	1 John 1:1-4
Fellowship with the Father	J. M. Gibbon.	1 John 1:1-4
Introduction	R. Finlayson	1 John 1:1-4
John's Testimony to Christ	T. M. Herbert, M. A.	1 John 1:1-4
Obedient Hearing		1 John 1:1-4
The Apostle's Aim and Method	W. Jones	1 John 1:1-4
The Apostles' Doctrine	C. Stanford, D. D.	1 John 1:1-4
The Divine and Human in Christ		1 John 1:1-4
The Incarnation of Christ, Before and After	Newman Smyth, D. D.	1 John 1:1-4
The Mystery of the Holy Incarnation	Morgan Dix, D. D.	1 John 1:1-4
The Perfect Saviour	D. C. Hughes, M. A.	1 John 1:1-4
The Preface to the First Epistle of John	George G. Findlay, B. A.	1 John 1:1-4
The Realisation of Faith	Dean Goulburn.	1 John 1:1-4
Witnesses of the Word of Life	N. Hardy, D. D.	1 John 1:1-4
Christ the Life	N. Hardy, D. D.	1 John 1:2
Christ the Manifestation of the Eternal	J. T. Stannard.	1 John 1:2
The Eternal Life Manifested	John Watson, M. A.	1 John 1:2
The Incarnate Life	S. E. Pierce.	1 John 1:2
The Life of God	Charles Kingsley	1 John 1:2
The Manifested Life	N. Smyth, D. D.	1 John 1:2
The Manifested Life	H. Boxcar, D. D.	1 John 1:2
The Manifested Life to be Observed	Canon Gore, M. A.	1 John 1:2
The Only Life Worth Living	E. A. Stuart, M. A.	1 John 1:2
An Influential Testimony	The Railway Signal.	1 John 1:3
Believers' Communion with the Father and Son	D. Clarkson, B. D.	1 John 1:3
Christian Fellowship	J. Richard.	1 John 1:3
Communion with God	H. W. Graham.	1 John 1:3

Experience Helpful to a Teacher	W. M. Statham.	1 John 1:3
Fellowship	C. Watson, D. D.	1 John 1:3
Fellowship	S. E. Pierce.	1 John 1:3
Fellowship with God	C. H. Spurgeon.	1 John 1:3
Fellowship with God	C. Bradley, M. A.	1 John 1:3
Fellowship with God	H. Allon, D. D.	1 John 1:3
Fellowship with God	J. C. Lees, D. D.	1 John 1:3
Fellowship with the Father and with the Son	E. Payson, D. D.	1 John 1:3
God's Message to be Declared	J. R. Miller, D. D.	1 John 1:3
On Communion with God	A. Brunton, D. D.	1 John 1:3
That Ye Also May have Fellowship	James Morgan, D. D.	1 John 1:3
The Argument from Experience	J. Watson, M. A.	1 John 1:3
The Charm of Testimony	Proctor's Gems of Thought	1 John 1:3
The Doctrine and Fellowship of the Apostles	R. S. Candlish, D. D.	1 John 1:3
The Gospel Ministry	C. Talbot.	1 John 1:3
The Internal Basis of Christian Fellowship	J. H. A. Ebrard.	1 John 1:3
The Nature of Communion	G. Campbell.	1 John 1:3
The Testimony of the Beloved Disciple to the Person and Offices of Christ	J. Hill, M. A.	1 John 1:3
Union and Communion with God the End and Design of the Gospel	Hugh Binning	1 John 1:3
Fulness of Joy	James Morgan, D. D.	1 John 1:4
Happiness Helpful to Holiness	J. B. Figgis, M. A.	1 John 1:4
Joy Givers	T. C. Cuyler.	1 John 1:4
Joy in Believing	Homilist	1 John 1:4
Knowledge of Christ the Foundation of Joy	C. Bradley.	1 John 1:4
Open the Heart to Joy	T. C. Cuyler.	1 John 1:4
Our Happiness	J. B. Figgis, M. A.	1 John 1:4
Religion a Joy	James Stalker, D. D.	1 John 1:4
The Full Joy of Christian Fellowship	N. Hardy, D. D.	1 John 1:4
The Joy of the Lord, and its Fulness	R. S. Candlish, D. D.	1 John 1:4
The Joyfulness of a Christian Life	R. S. Storrs, D. D.	1 John 1:4
Light	George MacDonald	1 John 1:5
The Great Message	W. Jones	1 John 1:5
The Message and its Practical Results	Alexander Maclaren	1 John 1:5
A Glorious Message	W. Jay.	1 John 1:5-10
Communion with God	J. Alexander.	1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship with God	H. Thorne.	1 John 1:5-10
God is Light	D. Smith.	1 John 1:5-10

God is Light	The Evangelical Preacher	1 John 1:5-10
God is Tight	J. P. Lilley, M. A.	1 John 1:5-10
God the Satisfying Light	W. Arthur.	1 John 1:5-10
Light and Darkness: Sin and Purification	F. D. Maurice, M. A.	1 John 1:5-10
Light in the Hour of Darkness	E. W. Bibb.	1 John 1:5-10
Light the Nature and Dwelling Place of God	R. S. Candlish, D. D.	1 John 1:5-10
Message from Christ Brought to Bear on Fellowship with God	R. Finlayson	1 John 1:5-10
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