

Outline of 1 John

- A. First John.** The apostle John probably wrote the three letters that bear his name in the city of Ephesus, where he spent the latter years of his life. They are general letters of counsel to the Christians scattered throughout the Roman Empire.
- B. Authorship.** Scholars have long debated whether the apostle John or another Christian leader name John wrote these letters. The arguments pro and con are very complicated. But many scholars support the traditional belief that the apostle wrote the Gospel of John and these letters as well.
- C. Contents.** This letter dwells on the nature of Christ, His mission, and His principal doctrines (concerning the Christian life). It also shows the distinction between true and false believers.

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