

# I John --Theme: The Basis of Fellowship

## Weekly Reading Schedule

- Sunday - 1 John 1
- Monday - 1 John 2
- Tuesday - 1 John 3
- Wed. - 1 John 4
- Thurs, - 1 John 5
- Friday - 1 John 1-5
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## Memory Verses:

- ★ 1 John 1:6-10
- ★ 1 John 2:1
- ★ 1 John 2:3
- ★ 1 John 2:15-17
- ★ 1 John 3:1
- ★ 1 John 3:6
- ★ 1 John 3:13
- ★ 1 John 4:1
- ★ 1 John 4:8

Your choice \_\_\_\_\_

## Interesting Facts

- ❖ There are 5 chapters, 105 verses, 2,517 words, and can be read in about 16 minutes
- ❖ The book was written by John about 90 AD from Ephesus,
- ❖ There was false teachings about perhaps related to later Gnosticism.
- ❖ The Theme of all of John's writings was salvation is in Christ Jesus.
- ❖ An interesting and challenging text is 3:1-10 speaking to the matter children of God not sinning.
- ❖ Having written five books of the bible, John is only surpassed by Paul who wrote twelve.
- ❖ John was one of the original twelve apostles, was in the inner circle of apostles, and was known as "the disciple whom Jesus loved."
- ❖ John lived his later life in Ephesus and was exiled for a period of time to Patmos.

## Memorable Outline of I John

- I. Salutation (1:1-4)
- II. Requirements for Fellowship With God Who is Light (1:5-2:28)
- III. Requirements for Fellowship With God Who is Righteous (2:29-4:6))
- IV. Requirements for Fellowship With God Who is Love (4:7-5:12)
- V. Concluding Remarks (5:13-21)

Outline is from "I John," Glenn W. Barker in *Expositor's Bible Commentary*, Frank E. Gaebelin, ed.

## Scheme of Redemption The Basis of Fellowship Among the Redeemed

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ....If we say we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1:1-7).

## What to Look for as You Read

- **Repetitive themes of love, truth, and light**
- **How these themes relate to fellowship**
- **Simplicity of expression juxtaposed against profundity of thought**
- **Similarities to John's gospel account**

## Notes