

## **1 John chapter 2**

What is John's purpose in writing this? [1] Why would he care?

How can you know whether a person truly knows God? [3-6] What is the old and new command? [7-11]

John had more reasons for writing in 12-14; does he intend these groups to be exclusive (marking out what separates them) or, rather, inclusive (highlighting how they are similar)? What is common to all of them? (*See also 20-21*)

In 18-27 John warns against false teachings and false teachers; what key test does he give us to distinguish the liars from those who know the truth? [22-23]

## **1 John chapter 3**

Lavish love! Children of God! (*Who's your daddy?*) How do the children of God live? [1-8] How can you tell who is (or *is not*) a child of God? [9-10, 14] Compare also 2:1.

What is love? [16-18] How do we know whether we're doing it right? [19-21, 24].

Can we really “receive from him anything we ask”? [22-23; *see also 5:14-15 and John 14:13-14*]

## **1 John chapter 4**

“Do not believe every spirit”. How can you recognize the Spirit of God? [1-3; *also 2:22-23*] How should we respond to the spirit of antichrist? [4-6]

According to verses 7-8, who is a child of God? How do we in the world, who have never seen God, come to know Him? [12] How do we know He lives in us and we in Him? [13-16] How can we have confidence on the day of judgment? [17-21] <[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6\\_dWPu8RI5U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_dWPu8RI5U)>

**Next week:** 2 John. (*1 John bonus question: Is John saying we only have to love fellow Christians?*)