

General Epistles & Revelation (NT6)

**Books of 1, 2 and 3 John; Jude
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Apr 3 – Intro to NT General Epistles

Apr 10 – Book of Hebrews

Apr 17 – **No Class** (Holy Week)

Apr 24 – Book of James

May 1 – **No Class**

May 8 – **No Class**

May 15 – Books of 1 & 2 Peter

May 22 – Books of 1,2,3 John; Jude

May 29 – Book of Revelation

June 5 – Conclusion; Final Exam



John the Apostle and Evangelist



The Book of 1 John

- ▶ **Author**: John the Apostle
- ▶ **Date**: c. AD 85-95
- ▶ **Theme**: Fellowship with God, and the practice of righteous living and love.
- ▶ **Purpose**: To oppose Gnostic heresies common in the Early Church.

- ▶ **Outline**: *The Basis of Fellowship (1:1-2:27)
*The Behavior of Fellowship (2:28-5:21)

The Book of 1 John – Key Verses

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete. 1 John 1:3-4

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13

The Book of 1 John

- I. Introduction: Reality of the Incarnation (1:1-4)
- II. Christian life as fellowship w/ Father & Son (1:5-2:28)
 - A. Ethical tests of fellowship (1:5-2:11)
 - 1. Moral likeness (1:5-7)
 - 2. Confession of sin (1:8-2:2)
 - 3. Obedience (2:3-6)
 - 4. Love for fellow believers (2:7-11)
 - B. Two digressions (2:12-17)
 - C. Christological test of fellowship (2:18-28)
 - 1. Contrast: apostates versus believers (2:18-21)
 - 2. Person of Christ: the crux of the test (2:22-23)
 - 3. Persistent belief: key to fellowship (2:24-28)
- III. The Christian life as divine sonship (2:29-4:6)
 - A. Ethical tests of sonship (2:29-3:24)
 - 1. Righteousness (2:29-3:10a)
 - 2. Love (3:10b-24)

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B. Christological tests of sonship (4:1-6)

IV. The Christian Life: integrating ethical & Christological (4:7-5:12)

A. The ethical test: love (4:7-5:5)

1. The source of love (4:7-16)

2. The fruit of love (4:17-19)

3. Relationship of love for God and for fellow Christians (4:20-5:1)

B. The Christological test (5:6-12)

V. Conclusion: great Christian certainties (5:13-21)

The Book of 2 John

- ▶ **Author:** John the Apostle
- ▶ **Date:** c. AD 85-95
- ▶ **Theme:** Encouraging discernment in receiving teachers, as false teachers were misleading the faithful.
- ▶ **Purpose:** To oppose Gnostic heresies common in the Early Church.
- ▶ **Outline:** *Abide in God's Commandments (vv.1-6)
*Abide Not in False Teachers (vv.7-13)

The Book of 2 John – Key Verses

Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. ⁹ Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him.

2 John 7-10

The Book of 2 John

- I. Greetings (1-3)
- II. Commendation (4)
- III. Exhortation and warnings (5-11)
- IV. Conclusion and final greetings (12-13)

The Book of 3 John

- ▶ **Author:** John the Apostle
- ▶ **Date:** c. AD 90
- ▶ **Theme:** Encouragement to enjoy and continue fellowship with fellow believers.
- ▶ **Purpose:** To commend worthy Christian workers, and warn those who were not being loving.

- ▶ **Outline:** *Commendation of Gaius (vv.1-8)
*Condemnation of Diotrephes (vv.9-14)

The Book of 3 John

- I. Greetings (1-2)
- II. Commendation of Gaius (3-8)
- III. Condemnation of Diotrephes (9-10)
- IV. Exhortation to Gaius (11)
- V. Example of Demetrius (12)
- VI. Conclusion, Benediction and Final Greetings (13-14)

The Book of Jude

- ▶ **Author:** Judas, brother of Jesus
- ▶ **Date:** c. AD 60-65
- ▶ **Theme:** Condemnation for false teachers and libertines, and encouragement for the faithful to stand strong.
- ▶ **Purpose:** To make clear that salvation did not give license to sin, and libertine teachers must be opposed.
- ▶ **Outline:**
 - *Purpose (vv. 1-4)
 - *Description of False Teachers (vv. 5-16)
 - *Defense Against False Teachers (vv. 17-23)
 - *Doxology of Jude (vv. 24-25)

The Book of Jude – Key Verses

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. ⁴ For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

¹⁷ But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. ¹⁸ They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." ¹⁹ These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

Jude 3-4; 17-19

The Book of Jude

- I. Greetings (1-2)
- II. Occasion for the letter (3-4)
 - A. The change of subject (3)
 - B. The presence of Godless apostates (4)
- III. Warning against false teachers (5-16)
 - A. Historical judgment against apostates (5-7)
 - 1. Unbelieving Israel (5)
 - 2. Angels who fell (6)
 - 3. Sodom and Gomorrah (7)
 - B. Description of apostates in Jude's day (8-16)
 - 1. Their slanderous speech (8-10)
 - 2. Their character graphically portrayed (11-13)
 - 3. Their destruction prophesied (14-16)
- IV. Exhortation to believers (17-23)
- V. Concluding doxology (24-25)