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1, 2 and 3rd John

*Love (agape)
is Everything*

There are four kinds of love:

- **Eros**: passionate or romantic love, based on attraction and desire.
- **Philia**: friendly or brotherly love, based on mutual respect and shared interests.
- **Storge**: familial or affectionate love, based on natural bonds and loyalty.
- **Agape**: unconditional or selfless love, based on compassion and generosity. **(Christian Love!)** 



Key Text is 1:3

“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”.

Key Term is “Fellowship”.
[verse 1:3-4]

This is a partnership with Jesus and partnership with other believers in Jesus.

This kind of fellowship (*koinonia-Greek*) is the best defense against false doctrine.

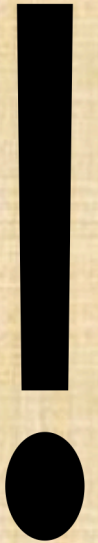


A one sentence
summary:

- Christians have fellowship with Christ, who is God incarnate, through living in love, and as a result they are secure in the **eternal life** that Christ has given them.




First John was written around AD 80-90 by the apostle John. The written style and wording are so similar to that of the gospel of John that there is no doubt about the authorship of this letter as well as second and third John. The letters were most likely written to the Christians in Rome.





• John wrote this letter because he was concerned for false doctrines concerning the incarnation of Jesus. Did Jesus really come “in the flesh”- that is physically?



God (Jesus) is light
with no darkness in
Him at all.

Chapter 1:5-7





1 John 1:8-10:

• ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.



John makes his messages known over and over, beginning with 2:7-8.

- The problem we have is ‘sin’.
- “Test the Spirits.”
- We must obey His commandments.
- The most important commandment is to **love**.(2:8)
- Our **love** has its roots in the very nature of God for “God is love.” (4:8;16)

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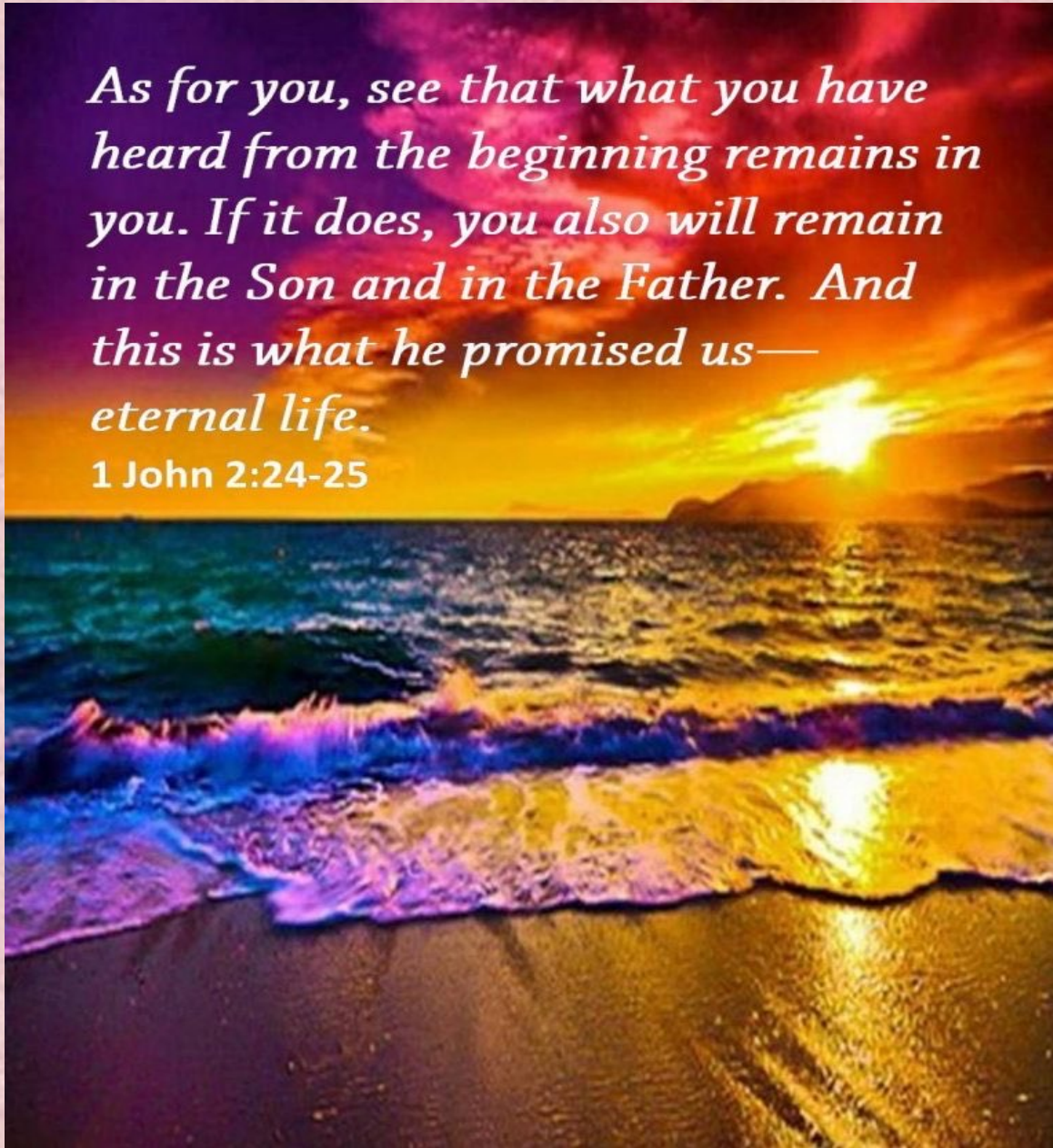
We live in the
world-we just
cannot love it!
(2:15-17)



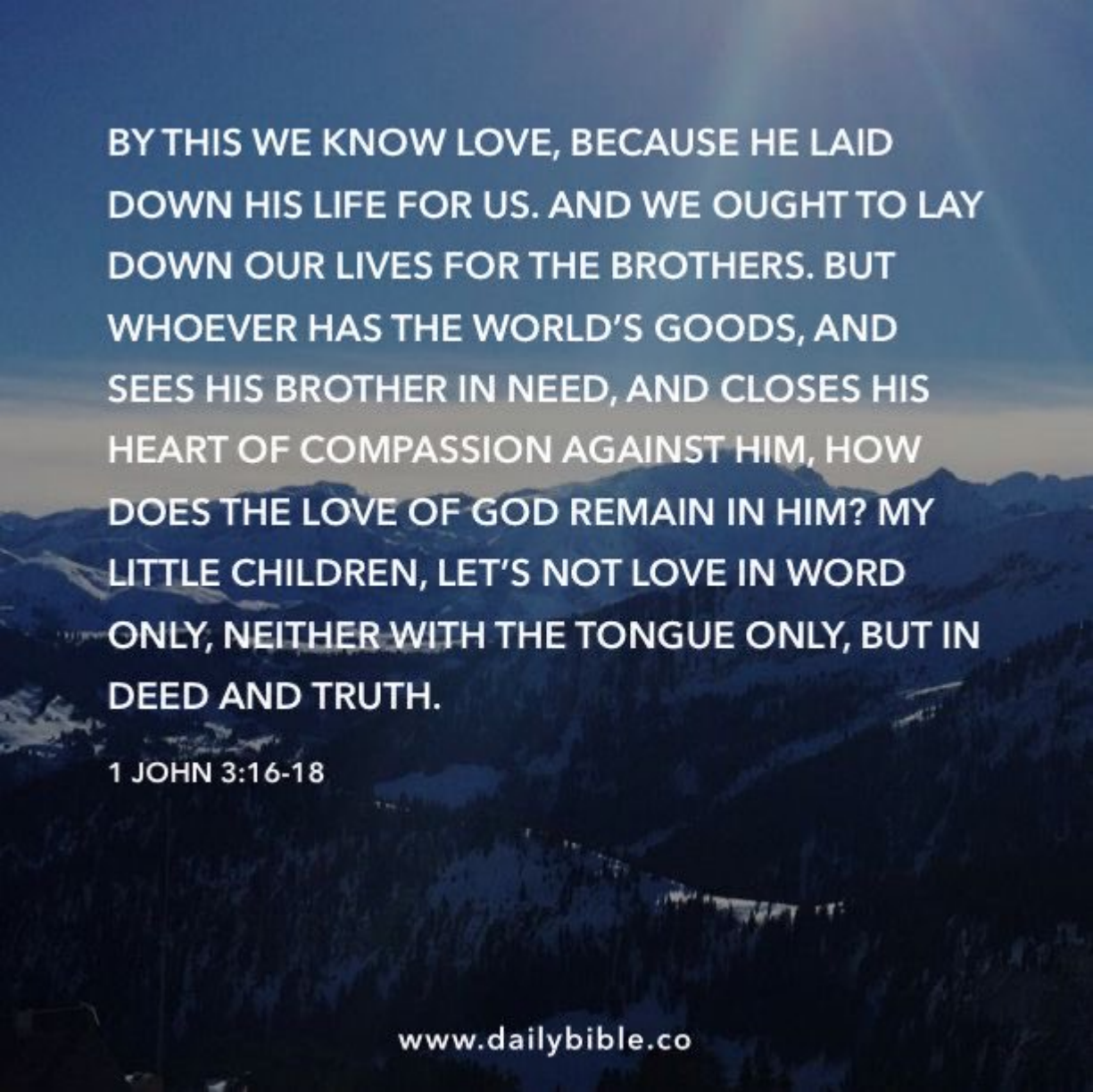
As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

1 John 2:24-25

**1 John 2: 24 & 25
gives us a look at
a glorious future!**



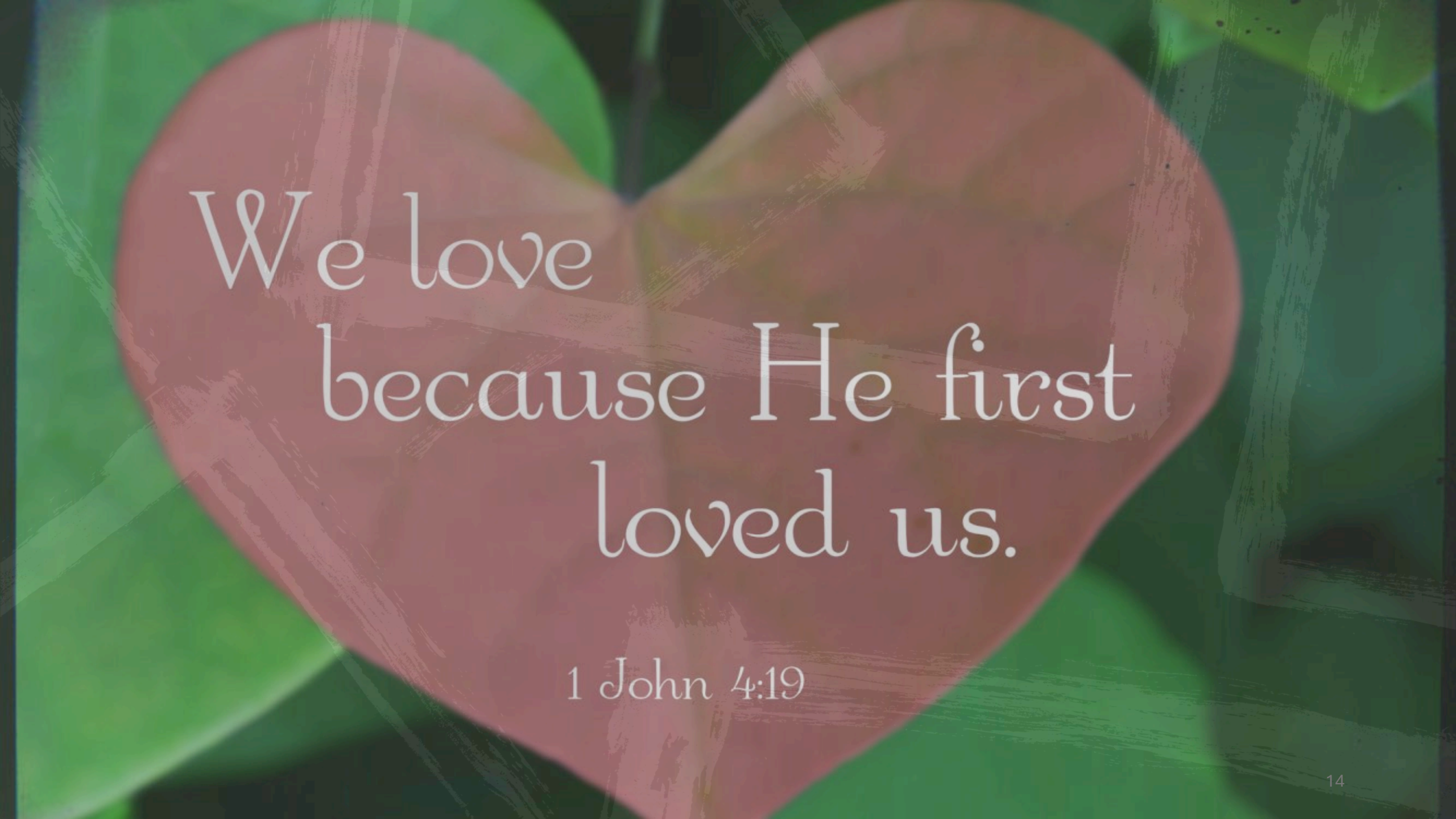
**Jesus made
all this
possible
by.....
1 John 3:16-
18.**



BY THIS WE KNOW LOVE, BECAUSE HE LAID
DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US. AND WE OUGHT TO LAY
DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BROTHERS. BUT
WHOEVER HAS THE WORLD'S GOODS, AND
SEES HIS BROTHER IN NEED, AND CLOSES HIS
HEART OF COMPASSION AGAINST HIM, HOW
DOES THE LOVE OF GOD REMAIN IN HIM? MY
LITTLE CHILDREN, LET'S NOT LOVE IN WORD
ONLY, NEITHER WITH THE TONGUE ONLY, BUT IN
DEED AND TRUTH.

1 JOHN 3:16-18

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We love
because He first
loved us.

1 John 4:19



1 John 5:21 KJV

***Little children, keep yourselves from idols.
Amen.***

**DO WE
HAVE
ANY
IDOLS?**



2 John-

A short reminder

Some major points:

- “The Elder” is no doubt the Apostle John.
- “The Lady” was most likely a church. In Greek, the word for ‘church’ is a feminine gender noun.
- This is the second shortest book in the Bible.

2 John appears to be a summary of 1 John. Compare these two verses:

1 John 4:2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

Compare this with.....

Compare with this from 2 John:

Verse 7: I say this because 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.

A closing farewell:

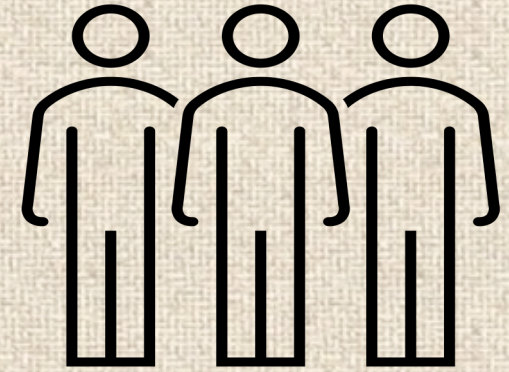
2 John 13

¹³ The children of your sister, who is chosen by God, send their greetings.

3 John

The shortest
book in the
Bible!

Here is the cast of characters:



- 1) “The Elder”—no doubt this is John, the apostle-as in 2 John.
- 2) Gaius-a “beloved” Christian, probably living in or near Ephesus
- 3) Diotrephes-an egotistical troublemaker teaching false doctrine.
- 4) Demetrius---a trusted and new teacher(?)

The Story



Questions?

