

62, 1 JOHN

Place & Date...

Author: God through Apostle John, who is roughly in his 90s and has been serving the Lord in ministry for 60 years!

Date: 85 – 95 A.D.

62: 0: 2 – 1 = Timeline...

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Jesus' birth (6/5 B.C.)... John becomes a disciple (26 A.D.)... Jesus' death, resurrection & ascension (30 A.D.)...

Nero's reign (54 – 68 A.D.)... Destruction of Jerusalem's Temple (70 A.D.)... Domitian's reign (81 – 96 A.D.)...

Book of 1st John written (85 – 95 A.D.)... John's exile on Patmos (90 – 95 A.D.).

Setting: There was false teaching going on in different regions (Gnosticism & others) and John seeks to give his eye-witness account to the church and the core message of the Christian faith.

People...

People – Order / Timeline...

Person	1 John	Main Items...
Jesus	All Chapters	The Savior of the world... He is the Word of life.
John	All Chapters	At this stage of life (in his 90's) he is the last living apostle and eye-witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus – here he gives testimony to what he knows is true.

Christ in... 1 John

Q: Christ is... the solution of life. John, who is an eye witness and as the last living apostle in his 90's, he seeks to teach us life. He speaks to the church to remind them – life is lived at its best, when it is in love with Jesus & loves others for Jesus namesake. He is the Savior!

Points of Interest – Scripture Connections...

Assurance of Salvation... 1 John 5: 13

Child of God... 1 John 3: 1

Eternal Life... 1 John 1: 2; 2: 24-25

Eye-witness... 1 John 1: 1-3

Jesus, Advocate... 1 John 2: 1-2

Liar, Theme... 1 John 1: 6; 2: 3-4, 21, 22

Light... 1 John 1: 7

Light, God is light... 1 John 1: 5

Obedience... 1 John 2: 3-4

Sin... 1 John 1: 8-10

Points of Interest – Symbols...

62: 0: 2 – 1.1 = Contrasts in John's Writings = Q: (2277, LAB).

One of the distinct features of John's writing style was his habit of noting both sides of a conflict. He wrote to show the difference between real Christianity and anything else. Here are some of his favorite contrasts:

Contrast between...		Passage in 1 John...
Light	Darkness	1: 5
The New Command	The Old Command	2: 7-8
Loving the Father	Loving the World	2: 15-16
Christ	Antichrist	2: 18
Truth	Lies	2: 20-21
Children of God	Children of the Devil	3: 1-10
Eternal Life	Eternal Death	3: 14
Love	Hatred	3: 15-16
Truth Teaching	False Teaching	4: 1-3
Love	Fear	4: 18-19
Having Life	Not having Life	5: 11-12

62, 1 JOHN – Main Events / Order of Events...

Purpose/Theme(s): 1 John... main theme is to love Jesus and by loving Jesus, you should seek to love people like Jesus loves.

Ch.	Main Event / Purpose...
1	<p>The Word of Life is Jesus. (1-4) <i>1: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.</i></p> <p>Walking in the Light... is the Christian lifestyle (5-10) ... God is light & he calls His children to walk in the light... Walking in the light is the Christian lifestyle. 5: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: <i>God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.</i> A series of "IF"... Statements in this section (v. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) – a series of contrasts: light/truth vs. darkness/lies 6: <i>If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.</i> 9: <i>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.</i></p>
2	<p>The Problem of Sin... Solved by the Savior (1-14) 2: <i>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.</i> 3: <i>We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.</i> 4: <i>The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.</i></p> <p>The Problem of Worldliness... Solved by the Savior (15-17) 17: The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.</p> <p>The Problem of the Antichrist... Solved by the Savior (18-27) 22: <i>Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ.</i> <i>Such a man is the antichrist – he denies the Father and the Son.</i></p>
3	<p>Life's New Relationship... A Child of God! (1-10) 1: <i>How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!</i> <i>And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.</i> 4: <i>Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.</i> 5: <i>But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.</i></p> <p>Life's New Focus... Embrace the Redeemed Lifestyle & Reject the Rebellion Lifestyle (11-15) 16: <i>This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.</i> <i>And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.</i> 17: <i>If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?</i> 18: <i>Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.</i></p> <p>Life's New Example... Lay down your life (16-24) 23: <i>And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, & love one another as he commanded us.</i></p>
4	<p>The Truth trains you... to test the many lies of life. (1-6)</p> <p>The Love of God... leads to the love of others. (7-21) 10: <i>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.</i> 18: <i>There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.</i> <i>The one who fears is not made perfect in love.</i></p> <p>The Love of God... leads to going Pro in Love (7-21) 19: <i>We love because he first loved us.</i></p>
5	<p>To love Jesus... is to love His commands & live in His calling (1-3) 2: <i>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.</i></p> <p>To love Jesus... is to overcome the world & to make a difference in it. (4-5) 5: <i>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.</i></p> <p>To love Jesus... is to believe His testimony & the Father's & the Spirit's. (6-12) 9: We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 10: Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. 11: <i>And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.</i> 12: <i>He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.</i></p> <p>To love Jesus... is to know that you have eternal life. (13-15) 13: <i>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.</i></p> <p>To love Jesus... is to avoid disobedience (sin) & false gods (idols). (16-21) 21: <i>Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.</i></p>