WHY STUDY 1, 2 & 3 JOHN?

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If you belong to the family of God, then the letters from John were written for you. Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ brings us into God's family and into the fellowship of the Father's house. As you study these letters, picture a loving pastor telling you, *"This is how to love like Jesus loves"* and *"This is how to be authentic with God."* Sometimes it's learning how to walk in the light and sometimes it's learning how to fix what has been broken by sin.

- John wrote these letters around A.D. 100 from his prison exile on the island of Patmos—they were the final books written in the Bible. In that time, the danger facing the church was not persecution from the outside but seduction from the inside.

KEY VERSE

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. –1 John 5:11-13

Some have called 1 John "the holy of holies" of the New Testament—showing us how God invites us into a sacred, deeply personal relationship with Him.

> *"I have written over 1 John in my Bible this other Scriptural statement: 'Dwelling in the secret place of the Most High.' When we get into this epistle you'll find it talks a great deal about the family of God, and that is something quite wonderful and intimate."* –Dr. J. Vernon McGee

TRUTH & LOVE | **2 JOHN AND 3 JOHN DEAL WITH TWO SIDES OF THE SAME ISSUE:** The relationship between the truth and Christian love.

- **2 John stresses the importance of the *truth.*** — **Deals with *ideas.***
- **3 John stresses the importance of *love.*** — **Deals with *specific relationships.***

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