

## **Resource: Study Notes - Book Intros (Biblica)**

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### **1JN**

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#### **What is the book of 1 John?**

- The book of 1 John is a letter. The letter doesn't say who the writer was. It's thought that the apostle John wrote it. The way the letter is written is very much like the Gospel of John.
- It's thought that John wrote this letter after writing the Gospel of John. It's thought that he wrote it between the years AD 85 and 90.
- The New Testament includes three letters that are thought to be written by John. This is the first letter.

#### **Who was 1 John written to?**

- It isn't known exactly who 1 John was written to. It's thought that John sent it to believers in the area of Ephesus.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that 1 John shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

#### **Why was 1 John written?**

- To oppose teachers who taught that Jesus wasn't both a human being and God's Son.
- To teach about faith in Jesus.

#### **Main ideas**

- God is love.
- Those who know God and show love to others are God's children.
- Jesus is completely human and completely God.
- Jesus paid for people's sins.

#### **Outline**

**The Word of Life became a human being (1:1-4).**

**Light and darkness, loving and hating (1:5 - 2:28).**

**God's children and the devil's children (2:29 - 3:24).**

**Testing the spirits (4:1-6).**

**God's love made complete (4:7-21).**

**Jesus is the true God and giver of eternal life (5).**