

1st John Sermon Titles & Outlines

1. Introduction to 1st John

- Who- The Apostle John, Son of Zebedee
- When- Early 90s AD
- Where- Churches around Ephesus
- Situation-
 - *"they went out from us but they were not of us" (2:19)*
 - *"I write these things to you... that you may know that you have eternal life" (5:13)*
- Big Themes, Best Verses, Why Study 1 John...

2. Jesus- The Word of Life (1:1-1:4)

- Who is Jesus (1-3)
- How did Jesus reveal Himself (1-3)
- What difference does knowing Jesus make (2-4)

3. Because God is Light (1:5-2:2)

- God's Character- Light (5)
- Addressing False Claim #1 (6-7)
- Addressing False Claim #2 (8-10)
- Call to True Christian Living (1-2)

4. You Can Know That You Know God (2:3-11)

- Big Idea: Grace is how you know God and Obedience and Love is how you know that you know God
- Obedience to the commands of God is how you know that you know God (3-8)
- Love for the family of God is how you know that you know God (9-11)

5. Encouragement Every Christian Must Hear (2:12-14)

- I am part of a multigenerational family (12-14)
- I am forgiven and adopted through Jesus (12)
- I have a relationship with God (13-14)
- I have overcome the evil one (13-14)

6. Break Up with The World (2:15-17)

3 persuasive reasons to break up with the world:

- It's commanded (15a)
- It's incompatible (15b-16)

- Its fleeting (17)
7. Double Abiding Faith (2:18-27)

3 actions every Christian must take concerning Jesus

 - Defend Him (18-19)
 - Believe in Him (20-23)
 - Double Abide in Him (24-27)
 8. Who Are The Children of God (2:28-3:3)

5 attributes of the children of God:

 - They remain in a close relationship with Christ (28)
 - They resemble the character of Christ (29)
 - They rejoice in God's amazing love in Christ (1)
 - They realize who they are and will be in Christ (2)
 - They reform their life to imitate Christ (3)
 9. Spotting the Devils Advocates (3:4-10)

5 attributes of the children of the Devil:

 - Defiant toward God's authority (4)
 - In the Dark about Jesus (5-6)
 - Disengenuine by not practicing what they profess (7)
 - Of the Devil (8-9)
 - Devoid of God's righteousness and love (10)
 10. Loving One Another (3:11-18)

3 Practical questions about loving one another:

 - What is it not- animosity (12-13)
 - Why is it so important- assurance (14-15)
 - What does it look like- action (16-18)
 11. From Condemnation to Confidence (3:19-24)

5 reliable sources of confidence for the heart of every Christian

 - Confidence in Love (19)
 - Confidence in God (20)
 - Confidence in Prayer (21-22)
 - Confidence in Jesus (23)
 - Confidence in the Holy Spirit (24)
 12. Dealing with False Worldviews (4:1-6)

4 ways Christians with the truth should deal with false worldviews

 - Don't believe everything (1-3)
 - Don't be afraid (4)
 - Don't be surprised (5)

- Don't be silent (6)

13. What to do with God's Love (4:7-21)

4 Moves:

- Respond to it with Love for one another (7-11)
- Reveal it within a Bible believing church (12-15)
- Rely on it for confidence (16-18)
- React to it with Love for one another (19-21)

14. The Case for Faith in Christ (5:1-12)

- The test of faith in Christ (1-3)
- The triumph from faith in Christ (4-5)
- The testimony to faith in Christ (6-12)

15. We Hold These Truths (5:13-21)

4 truths every follower of Christ can hold to:

- By believing in Jesus I have ETERNAL LIFE (13)
- God answers all my prayers when I pray ACCORDING TO HIS WILL (14-17)
- As a child of God I am free from the POWER OF SIN AND SATAN (18-19)
- Jesus Christ ALONE is the way, the truth, and the life (20-21)