

STUDYING FIRST JOHN  
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1:1-4

**Prologue**

1:5-10

*Message*

2:1-2

*Sinning*

2:3-14

*Obeying*

2:15-17

*Loving the world*

2:18-27

*Antichrists*

2:28-29

*Staying put*

3:1-3

*Children of God*

3:4-6

*Sin is lawlessness*

3:7-10

*Not sinning*

3:11-12

*Love one another*

3:13-17

*World's hatred*

3:18-22

*Being of the Truth*

3:23-24

*His commandment*

4:1-6

*Test the spiritis*

4:7-12

*Love one another*

4:13-21

*Knowing that . . .*

5:1-4

*Born of God*

5:5-12

*Overcoming the world*

5:13-21

*Knowing that . . .*

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**Writing Strategy**

The false teachers

Gnostic tentencies

Spirits connecting to heavenly

Platonic dualism in background

Γνώσις possession central

Perhaps connections to Cerinthus

Role of the Prologue

Incarnate Son as life giving Word

κοινωνία is central

Importance of apostolic Gospel

Pattern of idea expression

Grammar distinctives

Use of scenarios

3rd class protasis (ἐάν)

Substantival participles

Use of demonstrative τοῦτο / αὐτή

Chapters 1-3

Putting expansions on the table

Chapters 4-5

Repeating & combining