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## I John 1:1-10

### Introduction:

1. The Gospel of John gives us the Reception of Life. John 20:31
2. The First Epistle of John gives us the Reassurance of Life. I John 5:9-13
3. John immediately refutes the Sonship Doctrine of the Gnostics 1:1-2, and the Sinless Doctrine of the Gnostics 1:6-10.

- I. The Witness of the Saviour vs. 1-3- “That which was from the beginning”
  - A. By John’s Perception vs. 1-2
    1. The Sound of the Saviour v. 1- “which we have heard” (Heard is in the present tense. What John heard is still affecting his life.)
    2. The Sight of the Saviour v. 1- “which we have seen”
      - a. The Acknowledgement- “seen”
      - b. The Admiration- “looked”
    3. The Solidity of the Saviour vs. 1-2
      - a. His Mention v. 1- “the Word of life”
      - b. His Manifestation v. 2 (Manifested- things previously hidden are made visible.)
        - (1) It Was Visible- “manifested, and we have seen it” (God the Father was manifested through three areas.)
          - (a) Through Creation Romans 1:20
          - (b) Through Commandments Luke 24:27, 32
          - (c) Through Christ John 14:9 (Jesus Christ is the final manifestation to man.)
        - (2) It Was Valuable- “that eternal life” (Jesus is the person without beginning or end.)
        - (3) It Was Valid- “with the Father”
        - (4) It Was Verified- “manifested unto us”
  - B. By John’s Preaching v. 3
    1. To Pass On A Belief- “declare we unto you” (It was a personal experience- “we have seen and heard”)
    2. To Pass On A Bond- “ye also may have fellowship”
      - a. With the Saints- “with us” (Outward Fellowship)
      - b. With the Sovereign- “with the Father” (Upward Fellowship)
      - c. With the Saviour- “with his Son Jesus Christ” (Inward Fellowship)
- II. The Writing of the Scriptures v. 4
  - A. Its Inspiration- “these things write we” II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21
  - B. Its Intent- “that your joy may be full” (Illustrate- John 2:6-9)
    1. We Can Have Joy Over Sins That Are Gone Matthew 9:2
    2. We Can Have Joy Over Our Saviour That Guides Matthew 14:27
    3. We Can Have Joy Over Scriptures That Are Given I John 1:4

- III. The Warning About Sin vs. 5-10
  - A. The Light of the Master v. 5
    - 1. The Message from the Master- “This then is the message”
    - 2. The Majesty of the Master- “God is light”
    - 3. The Morality of the Master- “in him is not darkness at all”
  - B. The Lies of Man v. 6- “If we say” (They lie to God, others, and then self.)
    - 1. His Contrary Walk- “walk in darkness” (We must walk what we talk.)
    - 2. His Counterfeit Ways- “we lie, and do not the truth”
  - C. The Loyalty of the Master v. 7
    - 1. It Is Based On Our Beliefs- “walk in the light” (You walk the way you believe.)
    - 2. It Is Based On Our Bonds- “we have fellowship”
    - 3. It Is Based On His Blood- “the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us”
  - D. The Lies of Man v. 8- “If we say”
    - 1. He Is Deceptive- “we have no sin”
    - 2. He Is Deceived- “we deceive ourselves”
    - 3. He Is Destitute- “the truth is not in us”
  - E. The Loosing of Mistakes v. 9
    - 1. It Is Based On Our Confession- “If we confess”
    - 2. It Is Based On His Compassion- “he is”
      - a. He Is Faithful- “faithful”
      - b. He Is Fair- “just”
      - c. He Is Forgiving- “to forgive” (Leviticus 16- The Scapegoat)
    - 3. It Is Based On His Cleansing- “cleanse us from all unrighteousness”
  - F. The Lies of Man v. 10- “If we say”
    - 1. He Is Deceptive- “we have not sinned”
    - 2. He Is Declaring- “we make him a liar”
    - 3. He Is Destitute- “his word is not in us”

## I John 2:1-29

- I. The Departure From Sins vs. 1-2
  - A. The Abstinence from Sin v. 1- “ye sin not”
  - B. The Advocate for Sin v. 1- “we have an advocate”
  - C. The Answer to Sin v. 2- “he is the propitiation for our sins”
- II. The Detaining of the Scriptures vs. 3-6
  - A. It Proves Our Salvation vs. 3-4- “keep his commandments”
  - B. It Perfects the Saints v. 5- “the love of God perfected”
  - C. It Is the Pattern for the Saints v. 6- “to walk, even as he walked”
- III. The Duties of the Saints vs. 7-11
  - A. We Are to Live the Beginning Commandment vs. 7-8
  - B. We Are to Love Our Brother Compassionately vs. 9-11
- IV. The Development of the Saints vs. 12-17
  - A. Concerning their Wisdom vs. 12-14
    - 1. The Beginners in the Church vs. 12-13- “little children”
      - a. “your sins are forgiven” v. 12
      - b. “ye have known the Father” v. 13
    - 2. The Brave of the Church vs. 13-14- “young men”
      - a. “ye have overcome the wicked one” v. 13
      - b. “ye are strong” v. 14
      - c. “the word of God abideth in you” v. 14
      - d. “ye have overcome the wicked one” v. 14
    - 3. The Backbone of the Church vs. 13-14- “fathers”
      - a. “ye have known him *that is* from the beginning” v. 13
      - b. “ye have known him *that is* from the beginning” v. 14
  - B. Concerning the World vs. 15-17
    - 1. The Love of the World v. 15- “love the world”
    - 2. The Lusts of the World v. 16
    - 3. The Leaving of the World v. 17- “passeth away”
- V. The Denial of the Saviour vs. 18-19
  - A. Evidenced by Forswearing the Christ v. 18- “antichrist”
  - B. Evidenced by Forsaking the Church v. 19- “went out”
    - 1. “from us”
    - 2. “not of us”
    - 3. “been of us”
    - 4. “with us”
    - 5. “not all of us”
- VI. The Direction of the Spirit vs. 20-27
  - A. By His Anointing v. 20- “ye have an unction”
  - B. By His Awareness vs. 21-23- “because ye know it”
  - C. By His Abiding vs. 24-27- “Let that therefore abide in you”
- VII. The Doctrinal Stand vs. 28-29
  - A. Concerning the Rapture v. 28- “when he shall appear”
  - B. Concerning Our Righteousness v. 29- “every one that doeth righteousness”

## I John 3:1-24

### Introduction:

1. This chapter reveals the difference between the saint and the sinner. v. 10
2. It discloses what the saint:
  - a. Is v. 1
  - b. Shall Be v. 2
  - c. Should Be v. 3
3. Chapters one through two corresponds with fellowship while chapters three through five deals with sonship.

### I. Our Sonship vs. 1-3

#### A. The Compassion to the Sons v. 1

1. It Is Seen- "Behold..."
  - a. In Our Possession- "love...hath bestowed"  
("bestowed"- state of completion)
  - b. In Our Position- "we should be called the sons of God"
2. It Is Secret- "the world knoweth us not"

#### B. The Changing of the Sons v. 2

1. Our Present State- "now"
2. Our Prophetic State- "doth not yet appear"
3. Our Perfect State- "we shall be like him"

#### C. The Cleansing of the Sons v. 3

("hope"- Acts 24:14-15)

("in him"- This is referring to Christ and not the Christian.)

1. It Is Personal- "purifieth himself"
  - a. His Heart James 4:8
  - b. His Soul I Peter 1:22
2. It Is Patterned- "even as he is pure"

### II. Our Sins vs. 4-10

#### A. The Cure To Sin vs. 4-7

1. The Cure Will Purify vs. 4-5  
("take away"- John 1:29 This means to lift up and carry away such as Leviticus 16)
  - a. "knew no sin" II Corinthians 5:21
  - b. "without sin" Hebrews 4:15
  - c. "did no sin" I Peter 2:22
  - d. "in him is no sin" I John 3:5; Hebrews 7:26
2. The Cure Will Perform vs. 6-7 I John 2:29, Rom. 6:14, Matt. 1:21  
("sinneth not"- "does not keep on sinning." "The habit of sin is proof that one has not the vision or the knowledge of Christ." RWP)

#### B. The Continuation In Sin vs. 8-10

1. A Sign Of Bondage v. 8 John 8:44  
 (“He that committeth sin”- “This is his normal life and those who imitate him become his spiritual children.” RWP)  
 (“he might destroy the works of the devil”- Jesus came to break the bondage of the Devil! Hebrews 2:14)
  2. A Sign Of Birth vs. 9-10 John 8:33-36
- III. Our Slaughter vs. 11-13
- A. Our Love Prevents Slaughter v. 11- “love one another” I John 2:7
  - B. Our Living Provokes Slaughter v. 12- “his own works were evil”  
Genesis 4:1-15; Hebrews 11:4 (Remember Cain was religious. The attitude leads to an act. Song of Solomon 8:6)
  - C. Our Life Provokes Sinners v. 13- “the world hate you” John 15:18
- IV. Our Sacrifice vs. 14-19
- A. Sacrifice Changes Our Devotion vs. 14-16
    1. Devoted To Love vs. 14-15 I John 2:9, 3:11, 23, 4:7, 11, 12
      - a. We find one test of salvation in v. 14. We find that we are saved not because we are separated, sincere, or support the work of God. Our salvation is based on our love toward the saints.
      - b. Our motives are questioned in v. 15. Hatred is on the inside and cannot be seen. Murder is a result of hatred in the heart.
      - c. Hatred leads to murder (Matthew 5:21-22) and lust leads to adultery (Matthew 5:27-28).
    2. Devoted To Lay v. 16 John 10:11, 13, 15, 17
  - B. Sacrifice Changes Our Distribution v. 17 James 2:14-17
    1. We Have A New Sight- “seeth his brother” Luke 10:30-37
    2. We Have A New Sending- “shutteth up”  
 (“shutteth up”- “to close like the door” “graphic slamming the door of his compassion” RWP)
  - C. Sacrifice Changes Our Deeds vs. 18-19
    1. The Action Performed v. 18  
 (“Here is a case where actions do speak louder than mere words.” RWP)
    2. The Assurance Provided v. 19 John 13:35
- V. Our Steadfastness vs. 20-22
- A. It Leads To Confidence In God vs. 20-21
    1. Confidence in the Asking Hebrews 4:16
    2. Confidence in the Advent I John 2:28  
 (v. 20- “our heart condemn us”—“It means to know something against one, to condemn.” RWP)  
 (v. 20- “knoweth all things”—“God knows every secret in our hearts.” RWP)
  - B. It Leads To Calling On God v. 22 Matthew 7:7-8; John 14:13-14

1. Answered Prayer- if we “keep” John 15:7
2. Answered Prayer- if we “do” Ephesians 3:20

VI. Our Sustaining vs. 23-24

- A. Sustained By His Sovereignty v. 23- “on the name” Phil. 2:9-11
- B. Sustained By His Spirit v. 24 Romans 8:16



## I John 4:1-21

- I. The Testing of the Spirits vs. 1-3- “try the spirits”
  - A. The Trying of the Spirits v. 1
    - 1. We Are To Watch Persuasions- “believe not every spirit”
    - 2. We Are To Watch Proofs- “try the spirits”
    - 3. We Are To Watch Prophets- “because many false prophets”
      - a. Their Doctrine- “false”
      - b. Their Departure- “gone out”
  - B. The Trustworthy Spirit v. 2- “Spirit of God” “Every spirit”
    - 1. Preaches Christ- “confesseth”
    - 2. Promotes Christ- “Jesus Christ is come”
  - C. The Turning Spirit v. 3
    - 1. Through His Speech- “confesseth not”
    - 2. Through His Substitution- “antichrist”
- II. The Triumph of the Saints vs. 4-6- “have overcome” 5:4
  - A. Their Power v. 4
    - 1. In the Salvation- “Ye are of God”
    - 2. In the Sermons- “little children” (“Little Children” is “used as a term of kindly address by teachers to their disciples.” Strong’s)
    - 3. In the Spirit- “greater is he”
  - B. Their Perception vs. 5-6
    - 1. Listening to the World v. 5- “heareth them”
    - 2. Listening to the Word v. 6- “heareth us”
- III. The Token of the Saints vs. 7-13 (Token- “A sign; something intended to represent or indicate another thing or an event.” Webster 1828)
  - A. Their Service vs. 7-8, v. 11- “love one another”
  - B. Their Sacrifice v. 9- “God sent his only begotten Son”
  - C. Their Satisfaction v. 10- “propitiation for our sins”
  - D. Their Sustainer v. 12- “God dwelleth in us”
  - E. Their Supply v. 13- “hath given us”
- IV. The Testimony of the Saints vs. 14-16- “testify” “confess”
  - A. The Coming of the Son v. 14
  - B. The Confession of the Son v. 15
  - C. The Compassion of the Sovereign v. 16- “the love that God hath to us”
- V. The Trusting of the Saints vs. 17-21
  - A. Their Freedom is Learned v. 17- “boldness”
  - B. Their Fear Leaves v. 18- “casteth out fear”
  - C. Their First Love v. 19
  - D. Their Faithfulness in Loving vs. 20-21

## I John 5:1-21

Introduction: The theme of this chapter is overcoming.

1. The Overcoming Blood
  2. The Overcoming Book I John 2:14, Psalm 119:9, 11, Matthew 4:4, 7, 10
  3. The Overcoming Body Romans 12:1, James 4:7
    - a. The Purpose to Overcome Romans 12:21, II Peter 2:19-20
    - b. The Passion to Overcome Numbers 13:30-31
    - c. The Power to Overcome I John 4:4
      - (1) The Success of Overcoming v. 4- “overcometh”
      - (2) The Secret of Overcoming v. 4- “even our faith” Heb. 11
        - (a) Faith in our Saviour John 16:33
        - (b) Faith in our Seating Ephesians 2:6
      - (3) The Saint that Overcame v. 5- “he that overcometh the world”
- I. The Triumph of the Saints vs. 1-5
    - A. Triumphant In Our Birth vs. 1-3
      1. Because of Faith v. 1- “believeth that Jesus if the Christ”
      2. Because of Following vs. 2-3
        - a. The Love of the Commandments v. 3
        - b. The Load of the Commandments v. 3- “are not grievous”
    - B. Triumphant In Our Battle vs. 4-5
      1. Belief in the Scriptures v. 4
      2. Belief in the Saviour v. 5
  - II. The Testimony of the Saviour vs. 6-9
    - A. From the Ground v. 6, v. 8
    - B. From Glory v. 7, v. 9
      1. The Glorious Witness v. 7
      2. The Greater Witness v. 9- “the witness of God is greater”
  - III. The Truths of Salvation vs. 10-13
    - A. The Possession of the Believer vs. 10-12
      1. They Possess Leadership v. 10- “hath the witness”
      2. They Possess Life vs. 11-12
    - B. The Persuasion of the Believer v. 13- “ye may know”
  - IV. The Teachings of Supplication vs. 14-17
    - A. Concerning Desires vs. 14-15
      1. He Hears the Prayers v. 14- “he heareth us”
      2. We Have the Petitions v. 15
    - B. Concerning Death vs. 16-17
      1. The Effects of Sin v. 16 Romans 6:23
      2. The Explanation of Sin v. 17- “All unrighteousness is sin”

- V. The Teachings of Sin vs. 18-21
  - A. Its Pressure v. 18- “wicked one” “toucheth”
  - B. Its Power v. 19- “whole world lieth in wickedness”
  - C. Its Prevention vs. 20-21
    - 1. Through God v. 20- “know him that is true”
    - 2. Through Guarding v. 21- “keep yourselves”

## **“An Explanation of the Trinity”**

### **I John 5:6-9**

One of the greatest perplexities of the Word of God is the doctrine of the Trinity. It simply teaches that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are three distinct persons combined into one individual. They are co-equal and co-eternal. It is hard to explain, but must be believed, if one is to follow the instructions of the Scriptures.

If the doctrine of the Trinity is true, then it also teaches that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. Many anti-Christ spirits have battled this doctrine because it would prove the incarnation of God in the flesh, Jesus. This dilemma leads to one final question. Are there any witnesses that would step forward to prove the doctrine of the Trinity? God has provided to us three witnesses in heaven and three on earth to settle the question.

The three witnesses in heaven are “the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost”. These three agree in one person, the Trinity. How much greater would the witness of God in heaven be than would the witness of man on the earth?

The first witness in Heaven to the deity of Jesus Christ is God the Father. He bore witness at the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. As He thundered from heaven, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”, it proved the fact that Jesus was the only begotten of the Father. Jesus was equal with God because He had the position or rank of God. Not only at the baptism, but also at the Transfiguration did God the Father bear witness of the deity and incarnation of Jesus Christ.

The second witness in heaven is the Word. John makes it clear to us who this Word is in John 1:1 and 1:14. The Word is Jesus, God in the flesh. The Word is now in Heaven as witness to His resurrection power. The Word fulfilled all of the commandments of God and declared Himself God. He proved this by His miracles, words, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. Jesus had the witness in himself that He was the Son of God.

The third witness in heaven to the deity of Jesus is the Spirit of God. The witness of the Spirit was at the baptism of Jesus. The Holy Ghost descended down from heaven like a dove. This was a sign to John the Baptist that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God.

It was in the “mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.” There are three witnesses in heaven to the deity of Christ. They all “agree in one”. This is enough proof of the Trinity and Deity of Jesus, but there are three more witnesses on earth. These witnesses are the “Spirit, and the water, and the blood”.

The first witness on earth is the Spirit. The witness of the Spirit is truth because the Spirit is truth. He can be trusted. He gave an external witness at the baptism of Jesus and other places throughout Scripture. Not only does the Spirit witness outwardly, but He also witnesses on the inside of the believer. There is a voice crying out in the Christian's heart that Jesus is God. This is a direct result of the Spirit bearing witness with our spirit.

The second witness on earth is the water. Once again, the water is pointing to the baptism of Jesus. It was the commencement of the ministry of Jesus on earth. The Father and the Spirit was present testifying to the deity of Jesus.

The third witness on earth is the blood. It was the supernatural death of Jesus (on the cross) that witnesses of His deity. It is the blood of Jesus Christ that washes men from their sins. The blood justifies sinful man. The blood constantly purifies man from their daily walk. The power of the blood is a witness to Jesus being the Son of God.

The case is now settled. Six witnesses approach the judge to prove the fact that Jesus is God in the flesh. Anyone that would deny this truth would be denying the witnesses and the Holy Scriptures. The believer can now rest in the reality of the Trinity and Jesus is God in the flesh.

## II John 1:1-13

### Introduction:

1. There Was A Problem Witnessed
  - a. By Titus Titus 1:10-11
  - b. By Timothy II Timothy 3:6
2. There Was A Preparation Written
  - a. Was It Written To A Fellowship? v. 1
    - (1) Note the Plurality: v. 6, 8, 10, 12
    - (2) Was the elect lady the church? v. 13
    - (3) Who were the children? II Cor. 6:13, Gal. 4:19, I John 2:1, 3:18, 5:21
  - b. Was It Written To A Family? v. 1
    - (1) Note the singularity: v. 1, vs. 4-5, 13
    - (2) Did this lady have a church in her house? Rom. 16:5, I Cor. 16:19, Col. 4:15, Philemon 1:2

### *Other Possibilities:*

1. Could it be both the Family and the Fellowship that John was writing to?
  2. Could it be that a church was meeting in this home, along with the family of the elect lady?
  3. John probably had them both in mind when writing this epistle.
  4. This epistle was written to warn them to not let anything come into the home or the church that was false, as seen in v. 10.
  5. Keep in mind that the family is an important target for Satan's warfare against the truth.
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- I. How To Handle The Truth vs. 1-4a
    - A. We Are To Love Truth vs. 1-2
      1. Because of the Similarity of the Truth v. 1
      2. Because of the Sojourning of the Truth v. 2
    - B. We Are To Learn Truth v. 3
      1. By Salvation v. 3a (Grace and mercy brings peace in the life of a believer. Romans 5:1)
        - a. Saviour Is Truth- Salvation John 14:6
        - b. Scripture Is Truth- Sanctification John 17:17
        - c. Spirit Is Truth- Separation John 14:16-17, 16:13
      2. By Sonship v. 3b
        - a. This is a defense of the Deity of Christ.
        - b. If Jesus is not God, then there is no salvation.
        - c. Jesus is with and equal to God the Father.
        - d. Some argue that Jesus is a son like we are all sons. What about John 10:30-33?

- C. We Are To Live Truth v. 4a
  - 1. By Our Counsel Deut. 6:6-7 (Final Analysis: It is in the home that we must instill in children a love for the truth.)
  - 2. By Our Conduct John 1:14 (The Word, or commandments, was made Truth. The Word was lived out in Truth. Philippians 2:12)
- II. How To Handle The Testimony vs. 4b-6
  - A. We Are To Receive The Commandments v. 4b
  - B. We Are To Remember The Commandments v. 5
    - 1. The Late Commandment- Emphatic- Actions Lev. 19:18, 34, Deut. 10:19
      - a. Is it possible to command love?
      - b. Yes! Love is not an emotion but an act of the will.
      - c. Love is obedience to the commandments.
    - 2. The Latest Commandment- Example- Attitude John 13:34, I John 2:7-11
  - C. We Are To Respond To The Commandments v. 6
    - 1. Love and obedience go together. I John 4:20, 2:3-5
    - 2. Real love is obedience in I John 5:3. We obey out of love and not fear.
    - 3. God's commandments are not harsh or difficult, as some would have you to believe. II Peter 2:19
- III. How To Handle The Transgressor vs. 7-9 (v. 9)
  - A. They Are Able To Deceive v. 7
    - 1. By Their Entrance
      - a. Where did they come from?
      - b. They came out of the church. Jude 1:3, I John 2:19, Acts 20:30
    - 2. By Their Education (The first thing to ask anyone is, "Is Jesus God in the flesh?")
  - B. They Are Able To Destroy v. 8
    - 1. Our Work Galatians 4:11
    - 2. Our Wages- "reward"
  - C. They Are Able To Damn v. 9 II Peter 2:2
- IV. How To Handle The False Teaching vs. 10-11
  - A. Do Not Receive Them v. 10
    - 1. Custom: Hospitality was important due to the lack of motels and inns. Rom. 12:13, I Timothy 3:2, 5:3-10, Heb. 13:2, I Peter 4:8-10
    - 2. If they showed hospitality to the preacher, they were "fellowhelpers to the truth". III John 1:5-8
  - B. Do Not Rejoice With Them vs. 10-11
    - 1. Because of Acceptance- It gives the idea of accepting their doctrine.
    - 2. Because of Association- One may get infections from the new friendship.
    - 3. Because of Accusations- If a pastor opens the door to accept cults in then they will use that to say to others that it is all right to let them in.
- V. How To Have A Trust vs. 12-13

### III John 1:1-14

#### Introduction:

1. John, the writer, is giving a glimpse into the productivity and problems of a local church.
2. One thing is certain, and that is every church has problems.
3. Consider three men involved in this little book of the Bible:
  - a. Gaius- The Welcoming Church Member vs. 1-8
  - b. Diotrephes- The Warring Church Member vs. 9-10
  - c. Demetrius- The Witnessing Church Member vs. 11-12
4. Notice the contrast in character between Diotrephes and Demetrius:
  - a. Diotrephes was Erroneous and given to Evil; Demetrius was an Example and given to Edification
  - b. Diotrephes Polluted the Brethren; Demetrius had Passion for the Brethren
5. One of the key words of this epistle is witness. (v. 3, v. 6, v. 9) Notice the witness or report that John gives of these three men.

- I. A Giving Report- Gaius vs. 1-8 (v. 3, v. 6)
  - A. He Was Successful In His Development vs. 1-2
    1. His Love Was Developed v. 1- “wellbeloved...love in the truth”
    2. His Learning Was Developed v. 2- “thy soul prospereth”
      - a. Through Consumption I Peter 2:2
      - b. Through Calisthenics I Timothy 4:7
      - c. Through Cleanliness I Timothy 5:22
      - d. Through Calming Matt. 11:28-29
  - B. He Was Successful In His Doctrine vs. 3-4
    1. He Possessed The Truth v. 3- “truth...in thee” (I Thess. 2:13)
    2. He Progressed In The Truth v. 3- “walkest in the truth”
    3. He Was Praised In The Truth v. 4- “no greater joy”
  - C. He Was Successful In His Distribution vs. 5-8
    1. He Gave Faithfully v. 5- “thou doest faithfully”
    2. He Gave Freely vs. 6-7
      - a. Because of an Affection v. 6- “thy charity”
      - b. Because of an Accusation v. 7 (Gen 14:21-24)
    3. He Gave Fairly v. 8
- II. A Guilty Report- Diotrephes vs. 9-10
  - A. His Desire v. 9- “loveth to have the preeminence” (Col. 1:18, John 3:30)
  - B. His Disrespect v. 9- “receiveth us not”
  - C. His Deeds v. 10
    1. He Pollutes The Brethren- “prating...malicious words”
    2. He Prohibits The Brethren- “neither...receive the brethren”
    3. He Prevents The Brethren- “forbiddeth them”
    4. He Pushes The Brethren- “casteth them out”



- III. A Good Report- Demetrius vs. 11-12
  - A. It Was Exemplified v. 11
  - B. It Was Evident v. 12
    - 1. By Witnesses v. 12- “of all men...we also”
    - 2. By The Word v. 12- “our record is true”

Conclusion:

- 1. He writes about his Pen v. 13
  - 2. He writes about his Presence v. 14- “shortly see thee”
  - 3. He writes about his Peace v. 14- “Peace be to thee”
- He writes about his Partners v. 14- “*Our* friends”