

The Bible - Week 49 (December 19th)

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Letters of John

Author: the apostle John

Date: just before his death in 98CE so likely 90-95

Audience: The churches of Asia Minor

Reason: John wrote the first letter for fellowship, second against. Hospitality to those who are false teachers, third for acceptance

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Key Verse:

1 John 5:13 CEB

I write these things to you who believe in the name of God's Son so that you can know that you have eternal life.

2 John 1:10

2 John 10 CEB

Whoever comes to you who does not affirm this teaching should neither be received nor welcomed into your home,

3 John 8 CEB

Therefore, we ought to help people like this so that we can be coworkers with the truth.

Key Words: Truth, testimony, good, evil

Basic Intro: John is "black and white" in his beliefs. You can be influenced by good or evil and you make choices that impact how you are directed in this life.

Questions for Discussion:

- **John uses imagery of being a citizen of heaven while on earth. What does this mean to you?**
- **1 John 3:18 says that we are to love in deed and truth, not word and tongue... how do you love in deed and truth?**
- **John says that “God is Love”. What does that even mean?**
- **What makes someone hospitable? How can you be more hospitable to other believers today?**