

New Testament Survey
“The Epistles of John”

I. Introduction

A. Time frame.

B. Review of author’s background.

II. I John

A. General Outline

I The Incarnation Makes Fellowship Possible (1:1-4)

II. Fellowship with God is Based on Truth and Love (1:5-5:17)

III. Fellowship Comprises Three Certainties (5:18-21)

B. Note correlation of the letter’s opening and the Gospel of John.

C. Key Themes.

1. He writes so that they would not sin.

2. Love one another.

3. The believer's victory in Christ and certainty of salvation is sure.

III. Second John

A. General Outline

I The Elder Greet the Elect Lady and Her Children (1-3)

II. Abiding in the Truth is the Basis for Walking in Love (4-11)

III. The Truth is the Basis of Christian Fellowship (12-13)

B. The Elect Lady – Verses 1-2

1. Or “Chosen Lady”

2. Note further the use of the word “truth”.

C. Key Themes

1. Walk in love.

2. The denial of Christ.

3. Reject those who reject the teaching of Christ.

4. Main point – The battle is always over the Words of God.

IV. Third John.

A. General Outline

I The Elder Addresses Gaius in Love (1)

II. Love Must Prevail in the Circle of the Truth (2-12)

III. Peace Should Prevail among Friends (13-14)

B. Writer and Recipient

C. All is not well.

1. Diotrephes

2. Demetrius

3. John has much more to say.