



John's Message to the Church Pastor Kevin Hurt

1 John 1:1
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INTRODUCTION — *"These things we write, so that ..."* 1:4, 2:1, 5:13

The Speaker — Is it John? (Cf. John 1:1-2 ... Along with at last 40 similar words and phrases)

The Subject — Why is 1 John written?

It is written to produce **JOY** 1:4

It is written to produce **HOLINESS**. 2:1

It is written to produce **ASSURANCE**. 5:13

The Style — How is 1 John written?

To address 2 truths/errors

- 1) About the **PERSON** of Christ.
- 2) About the **PRACTICES** of Christians.

To apply 3 tests/evidences

- 1) The **DOCTRINAL** test — “*if we say ...*” (what we believe)

- 2) The **OBEDIENCE** test — “*if we walk in the light ...*” (how we live)

- 3) The **RELATIONAL** test — “*If we walk in love ...*” (how we relate to one another)

Note: Why these tests?