

OUTLINE OF 1, 2 & 3 JOHN

(New Interpreter's Bible, Black)

I. 1 John 1:1-5:21--The First Letter

A. 1:1-2:6--Introit for eternal life

1. 1:1-4--What was from the beginning
2. 1:5-10--Walking in darkness or in light
3. 2:1-6--Walking just as he walked

B. 2:7-14--What I am writing

1. 2:7-11--A commandment old yet new
2. 2:12-14--The family restored

C. 2:15-3:10--Children, it is the last hour

1. 2:15-17--The world versus the will of God
2. 2:18-25--Endurance amid antichrist's coming
3. 2:26-27--Anointing in truth
4. 2:28-3:3--Confidence at Christ's coming
5. 3:4-10--Children of God, children of the Devil

D. 3:11-5:12--The message you have heard from the beginning

1. 3:11-18--By this we know love
2. 3:19-24--By this we shall know that we are of the truth
3. 4:1-6--By this you know the Spirit of God
4. 4:7-12--By this God's love was manifested among us
5. 4:13-21--By this we know that we abide in God and God is in us
6. 5:1-5--By this we know that we love God's children

- 7. 5:6-12--The testimony that God has borne to the Son
- E. 5:13-21--Refrain: That you may know that you have eternal life
 - 1. 5:13-17--The boldness in our asking
 - 2. 5:18-21--What we know

II. 2 John 1-13--The Second Letter

- A. Verses 1-3--Saluting the Elect Lady and her children
- B. Verses 4-11--Requests, benefits and cautions
 - 1. Verse 4--Rejoicing in truth
 - 2. Verses 5-8--Follow love and spurn deception
 - 3. Verses 9-11--Abide in the teaching
- C. Verses 12-13--Regrets, hopes, and greetings

III. 3 John 1-15--The Third Letter

- A. Verses 1-4--Salutation, prayer, and rejoicing
 - 1. Verse 1--Saluting Gaius
 - 2. Verses 2-4--Praying for health, rejoicing in truth
- B. Verses 5-12--The Elder's recommendations
 - 1. Verses 5-8--Supporting God's missionaries
 - 2. Verses 9-10--Condemning Diotrephes
 - 3. Verses 11-12--Commending Demetrius
- C. Verses 13-15--Regrets, hopes, and greetings

#2 OUTLINE FOR 1, 2, 3 JOHN

(An Introduction to the New Testament, Boring)

1 John

1:1-4	Prologue: the word of life
1:5-2:17	Paranesis:* Fellowship with God; its blessings & hazards
2:18-27	Doctrinal Exposition: Antichrist's denial that the Christ is Jesus
2:28-3:24	Paranesis: Coming of the Lord & keeping the commandments
4:1-6	Doctrinal Exposition: Distinguishing truth from error
4:7-5:4	Paranesis: God's love & love for fellow community members
5:5-12	Doctrinal Exposition: Testimony of water, blood, & spirit
5:13-21	Epilogue: Eternal life & its hazards

2 John

1-3	Greeting
4	Thanksgiving
5-6	The love command
7-11	The false teachers
12-13	Conclusion

3 John

1-2	Greeting
3-4	Thanksgiving
5-8	The itinerant "brothers"
9-10	Challenge by Diotrephes
11-12	Recommendation of Demetrius
13-15	Conclusion

*Paranesis may be defined as instruction, advice, or counsel. "...an amicable reminder of moral practices entailed by agreed-upon convictions...."

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