

"No Fooling"  
1 John 1.1-10

NT Letter's: // one end of a phone call

1. John the Beloved Disciple - left Jerusalem, lived in Ephesus

Church Father Jerome:

Too weak to preach was carried into congregation at Ephesus

EXHORTATION: "LITTLE CHILDREN, LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

ASKED: WHY REPEAT SO OFTEN? "Because it is the Lord's command, •  
and if this is all you do, it is enough"

2. John the Apostle - author of Gospel, Revelation, 3 letters

Purpose of Gospel - 20.31

Purpose of Letter - 5.13

in Ephesus - wrote letters between 85 and 95 A.D.

last writing of the NT canon

LETTER UNADDRESSED AND UNSIGNED - CIRCULAR LETTER - ASIA MINOR

3. John the Theologian - other describe what God does/is like

i.e. Shepherd, High Priest

John describes what God is: "Spirit" Jn 4.24, "love" 1 Jn 4

The Message: God is Light v. 5

Proclaimed "declare to you"

1. Light of Truth: Reveals God

a. Reliable v. 1 Luke 24.39 John 5.26 14.6

"we heard from him"

b. Incarnation v. 2 John 1.1,14 14.9

Š Fully God and fully man

c. Unity v. 3,4 John 17.17,21

"joy" is the fruit - Psalm 133.1

2. Light of Holiness: Reveals Ourselves

RESPOND TO TRUE LIGHT - Belief and Behavior

DOCTRINE AND DUTY

Absolute "in him there is no darkness at all"

a. Way of Darkness: 3 Denials

# 1 of Sin's Seriousness v. 6 Isaiah 6.5 1 Tim 1.15

Sin Doesn't Matter

WALK IN DARKNESS - SEPARATED FROM GOD WHO IS LIGHT

Hab 1.13

MATTERS - LOOK AT THE CROSS

# 2 of a Sinful Nature v. 8 Jeremiah 17.9

Our Nature is Sinless

MORE THAN A LIE - NO SHARE IN DIVINE REALITY

# 3 of Sinful Acts v. 10 Romans 3.23

Abraham Lincoln "if a man is going to be a liar, he better have •  
a good memory"

b. Restored to Light v. 9 Romans 3.25,26

God's Nature - Faithful, Just

God's Action - Forgive, Purify

c. Reside in Light v. 7 2.9-11 John 3.21

"Walk in the Light" EAST AFRICAN REVIVAL

"LIVE IN A HOUSE WITH NO WALLS AND NO ROOF"

NO WALLS -

Fellowship with one another" - SURELY IMPLIES GOD TOO

NO ROOF -

"blood purifies" - DEAL WITH SIN, CONTINUING AFFLICTION