

1 JOHN OUTLINE

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- I. Prologue (1:1-4)
- II. Ethical implications of the message (1:5 - 2:6)
 - A. The message heard (1:5)
 - B. Implications of that message (1:6-10)
 - C. Clarification and assurance (2:1-2)
 - D. The ethical point repeated as a condition of that assurance (2:3-6)
- III. An old and new commandment (2:7-11)
 - A. Writing an old commandment (2:7)
 - B. Yet a new commandment (2:8)
 - C. Obeying "the commandment" as a test of being in the light (2:9-11)
- IV. Assurance and warning (2:12-17)
 - A. Assurance of their salvation (2:12-14)
 - B. Warning not to love "the world" (2:15-17)
- V. Warning against false teachers (2:18-25)
 - A. False teachers are antichrists of "last hour" (2:18-19)
 - B. Readers competent to judge the false teachers (2:20-23)
 - C. Exhortation to hold to faith (2:24-25)
- VI. Restatement (characterizes, assures, exhorts) (2:26-27)
- VII. The ethical component of abiding in Christ (2:28 - 3:24)
 - A. Abiding involves right living (2:28 - 3:10)
 - B. Abiding involves loving one another (3:11-24)
- VIII. A threat to faith: the need to test the spirits (4:1-6)
- IX. Further discussion on loving one another (4:7-12)
 - A. Importance of loving one another (4:7-8)
 - B. Definition of love (4:9-10)
 - C. Exhortation to love one another (4:11-12)
- X. Reassurance from having the Spirit (4:13-18)
 - A. The manifested Spirit as assurance of reciprocal indwelling (4:13)
 - B. Reassurance from correct confession (4:14-16a)
 - C. Reassurance from loving one another (4:16b-18)
- XI. Loving God and one another are inseparable (4:19 - 5:2a)
- XII. Loving God and obeying him are inseparable (5:2b-5)
- XIII. Testimony concerning the Son of God (5:6-12)
- XIV. Conclusion (5:13-21)