



1st John – Pastor Jann T. Butler (Outline)

This book was written at a time when the church was beginning to divide from the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. The apostle John brings the church a warning and emphasizes the fellowship of the Life. The Life was manifested in Jesus and this same Life is within us who are born-again.

The main theme is “**fellowship**” through the Life of Christ.
Life - **Strong's #2222**: zoe (pronounced dzo-ay')

1 Jn.1:1-2

John’s testimony of being the last living eye-witness account of that manifested Life:

- The basis of his authority for writing this epistle.
- The we is him and the other apostles that were with Jesus.

1 Jn.1:3-4

The purpose of writing the letter:

- How His life in us is the light for extracting darkness.
- The fellowship we have with Him through *that Life*, which will purge your sins with each other, so you don’t stumble over each other.

1 Jn.1:5-6

The reason for writing the letter:

- The anointing in them was unable to expose the darkness operating through them, because they had broken fellowship with Him, keeping them in deception.
- The *Life* was unable to cleanse them, causing the church to lose the witness of that *Life*, by turning the witness of Christ into a lie, it destroys our witness.

Jn.13:34-35

{First order of transformation is “*sin shall not have dominion over you.*” **Rom.8:5-13**}

1 Jn.1:7-10 - 2:1-2

What He does “in us” in fellowship with Him, and the results of it “in us.”

- These verses tell us how the fellowship of light removes that darkness.**Jn.3:20-21**

1 Jn.2:3-8

What we must use to determine the fellowship we will have with Him and the results of it manifesting in us.

- We keep His Commandments
- We keep His Word
- We are imitators of His walk – **1 Jn. 2:29 & 1 Jn. 3:2-7**



1 Jn.2:9-11

Identifies the condition of the ones not walking in the light of the manifested Life:

- Saying one thing and living another,
- No discernment between light and darkness.
- Their darkness was their light, not knowing it was causing them to stumble.
- The visible sign of right or wrong fellowship with Him, will show up in your walk with your brother.

1 Jn.2:12-14

The churches present spiritual condition:

- The importance of writing the letter, to preserve them against those bearing a false witness of that *Life* in their false fellowship with Him. John declares it a lie and he calls them liars.
- John was turning the responsibility over to the church fathers and young men to teach this letter to them who had no understanding of their birth nor what their Father was like. **1 Jn.2:12**
- To encourage the ones who knew the Father to avoid the things that attach them to this world. **1 Jn.2:13**

1 Jn.2:15-17

John identifies the things that lead to taking you out of fellowship with Him, which leads to the downfall of our fellowship with each other.

- A detachment of spiritual things for natural things.

1 Jn.2:18

The deception of the last days:

- The spirit that comes against the Anointing, because it doesn't see Him or know Him in them, the spirit of Christ. Christ in you the hope of glory.
- Where we get the term (*antichrist*).
- The Holy Spirit's inability to work in them.

1 Jn.2:19

They left the foundation of the apostles:

- They departed from us , because doctrinally we were no longer their source.
- So they departed from us to show the entire Body of Christ they no longer agreed with us.



1 Jn.2:20

The source (Holy Spirit = Spirit of Truth), that keeps you in that foundation that the apostle's laid:

- The Holy Spirit is the only one qualified to bring forth that life in you.
- If the inward counsel, "anointing" is destroyed, the *Life* cannot come forth in you. **Jn.14:16-19, 25-26; Jn.15:26; Jn.16:7-22**

1 Jn.2:21-23

The results of what happens when that Anointing is kept from you

1 Jn.2:24-27

He goes back to speak more on receiving and abiding in that Anointing for it's results.

Jn.16:7-22

1 Jn.2:28, 29 - 3:1-24

What the results of that Anointing will produce and do in you if you remain in it

1 Jn.4:1-21 - 5:1-5

It will place in you the ability to discern the Spirit of Truth from the spirit of error

- Proving a person, whether they are worthy or not. To make trial of for proof.

1 Jn.5:6-13

It will also reveal very clearly where the Life came from and where it presently is abiding:

- In Him was Life and the Life is the Light of men
- From the Father to the Son
- And the Son gave us that Life to give other

1 Jn.5:14-21

How to pray for those who have not crossed the line of denial concerning that anointing, that reveals the life:

- It's that Anointing that reveals the witness of that Life to develop perfect fellowship with Him and each other.
- To keep you from carving your own image of Him.