

"THE ELDER" ➡ **THE DISCIPLE**
(SEE 2 & 3 JOHN) **JESUS LOVED**
(SEE JOHN 21:20-24)

• THE ELDER?

OVERSEEING HOUSE CHURCHES (PROBABLY IN EPHESUS)

THE CRISIS

- A GROUP LEFT THE CHURCH & DENIED JESUS AS MESSIAH & SON OF GOD (SEE 1 JOHN 2:18-23, 4:1-3)

- THEY'VE GENERATED HOSTILITY (1 JOHN 3:4-10)

- JOHN WROTE THESE FOR DAMAGE CONTROL & TO ASSURE THE CHURCHES.

THE LETTERS OF 1·2·3

JOHN

KNOWING JESUS = KNOWING THE GOD of LOVE

THE UNIQUENESS OF

1 JOHN

- NOT A LETTER, BUT A POETIC SERMON
- ALL THE KEY IDEAS COME FROM JESUS' FINAL SPEECH IN JOHN chs. 13-17

NOT

LINEAR
1 and 2,
THEREFORE,
3 but 4
NOT 4
THUS, 5...

"AMPLIFICATION"

- CYCLICAL REPETITION
- HYPERBOLE
- STARK CONTRASTS

1:5-3:10 THIS IS THE MESSAGE...

GOD IS...

1:5-2:11

2:12-17

1:1-4

INTRODUCTION

- SIMILAR TO JOHN 1:1-18
- ECHOES OF GENESIS 1 & PROVERBS

FATHER ←

GOD → **SON** (holding **WORD OF LIFE**)

↑ **"WE" = THE APOSTLES**

↑ **"YOU" = NEXT GENERATION**

FELLOWSHIP
ΛΓΕΛΛΑ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ

= GREEK: KOINONIA
 ♥♥ PARTICIPATION IN ♥♥
 ♥ GOD'S OWN LIFE & LOVE ♥

GOD IS...

3:11-24

4:1-21

3:11-5:17 THIS IS THE MESSAGE...

5:18-21

CONCLUSION

"WE KNOW THE SON OF GOD HAS COME SO WE CAN KNOW THE ONE WHO IS TRUE & WE ARE IN THE ONE WHO IS TRUE, IN HIS SON JESUS THE MESSIAH. THIS IS THE TRUE GOD & ETERNAL LIFE." (5:20)

A black and white cartoon illustration. In the center, Jesus is depicted on the cross, wearing a robe and a halo, with numerous radiating lines emanating from the cross, suggesting a bright light or divine presence. Below the cross, two men are shown in silhouette. The man on the left is wearing a clerical collar and has his hands raised in a gesture of surprise or awe. The man on the right is looking up at the cross with a speech bubble containing an exclamation mark above his head, indicating a moment of realization or shock. The background is simple, with a few clouds visible at the top.

"KEEP AWAY FROM IDOLS." (5:21)



RESIST
REMAKING
GOD IN YOUR
OWN IMAGE

2 JOHN

DEAR CHURCH,

IF THE 'DECEIVERS' COME
TO YOUR CHURCH...

...DON'T OFFER THEM SUPPORT.

3rd HN

DEAR GAUSS,

WELCOME THE BROTHERS...

....DON'T BE LIKE DIOTREPHESES.