

### **A Confident Faith: 1 John Overview**

Today, we begin an in-depth study of 1 John. This letter, which was likely written to a group of churches in what is now modern-day Turkey, was prompted by false teachers who had left the church and were now teaching another message that was in conflict with the true gospel. In the letter John confronts this false teaching and in so doing helps us understand why we can have a confident faith.

#### **Read 1 John**

1. What are your first impressions of this letter? What sticks out to you?
2. What do you think the author's purpose was? Does there seem to be a key verse?
3. What are some of the major themes that you see? Key words?
4. How would you describe the tone of this letter? What "feel" do you get from this letter?
5. Read 2 Timothy 2:16-17. After this initial reading, do you have a sense about how God might want to use this letter in your life?

Steve said:

Here's my encouragement for you as we work our way through 1 John is to invite God to open your eyes to whatever you need to see concerning assurance of eternal life.

- If you believe and have assurance, allow God to deepen that assurance.
- If you believe in Jesus and lack assurance, seek Him with all your heart and ask Him to give you that assurance.
- If you have false assurance, by definition you don't realize it, right? I would encourage ALL OF US to be open to that possibility so that if needed we might turn to Him in repentance and faith to experience genuine eternal life (and the assurance that goes with it).
- If you don't yet believe, we so respect that you are here. You probably took a risk by coming into this building or joining us online. We hope that these messages will give you a vision for what you can experience if you do believe.

6. Where do you see John seeking to communicate this assurance in the letter?

7. What difference does it make in a believer's life whether or not they have assurance of eternal?

8. Where would you say you are regarding assurance of eternal life?

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Practicing the Rhythms of Rooted this Week



**Daily Devotion:** Spend time reading and memorizing 1 John 1:1-4. You might also want to read all of 1 John a couple of times this week.