

# Zion Christian Assembly Berean Hour

## First John: Fatherly Instruction to “Little Children”

### **Introduction:**

First John is written to the early Christians to address heresy in the church which posed a problem of distinguishing faithful ministers of the word from false teachers. John proposes several criteria- righteousness, love of fellow believers, fellowship and correct Christology- for testing the Christian profession of teachers and oneself.

### **Part One: The Basis of Fellowship 1:1 – 2:27**

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| I.   | The Introduction              | 1:1-4     |
| II.  | The Conditions for Fellowship | 1:5- 2:14 |
|      | A. Walk in light              | 1:5-7     |
|      | B. Confession of Sin          | 1:8-2:2   |
|      | C. Obedience to Commandments  | 2:3-6     |
|      | D. Love for One another       | 2:7-14    |
| III. | The Caution to Fellowship     | 2:15-27   |
|      | A. Love of the World          | 2:5-17    |
|      | B. Spirit of Antichrist       | 2:18-27   |

### **Part Two: The Behavior of Fellowship 2:28- 5:21**

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| I.  | Characteristics of Fellowship  | 2:28-5:3 |
|     | A. Purity of Life              | 2:28-3:3 |
|     | B. Practice of Righteousness   | 3:4-12   |
|     | C. Love in Deed and Truth      | 3:13-24  |
|     | D. Testing the Sprits          | 4:1-6    |
|     | E. Love as Christ Loved        | 4:7-5:3  |
| II. | The Consequences of Fellowship | 5:4-21   |
|     | A. Victory over the World      | 4:4, 5   |
|     | B. Assurance of Salvation      | 5:6-13   |
|     | C. Guidance in Prayer          | 5:14-17  |
|     | D. Freedom from Habitual Sin   | 5:18-21  |

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