

—●— FIRST JOHN OUTLINE —●—

FIRST SPIRAL Test of Genuine Fellowship 1:1—2:17	SECOND SPIRAL Test of Genuine Fellowship 2:18—3:24	THIRD SPIRAL Test of Genuine Fellowship 4:1—21	FOURTH SPIRAL Test of Genuine Fellowship 5:1—21
Fundamental Tests of Doctrine (1:1–2:2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical View of Christ (1:1–4) • Biblical View of Sin (1:5–2:2) 	Doctrinal Tests, Part 2 (2:18–27) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antichrists depart from Christian fellowship (2:18–21) • Antichrists deny the Christian faith (2:22–25) • Antichrists deceive the Christian faithful (2:26–27) 	Doctrinal Tests, Part 3 (4:1–6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonic source of false doctrine (4:1–3) • Need for sound doctrine (4:4–6) 	Victorious Life in Christ (5:1–5) Witness of God for Christ (5:6–12) Christian Certainties Because of Christ (5:13–20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certainty of eternal life (5:13) • Certainty of answered prayer (5:14–17) • Certainty of victory over sin and Satan (5:18) • Certainty of belonging to God (5:19) • Certainty of Christ being the True God (5:20)
Fundamental Tests of Morals (2:3–17) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblical view of obedience (2:3–6) • Biblical view of love (2:7–17) 	Moral Tests, Part 2 (2:28–3:24) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purifying hope of the Lord's return (2:28–3:3) • Christian's incompatibility with sin (3:4–24) 	Moral Tests, Part 3 (4:7–21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's character of love (4:7–10) • God's requirement of love (4:11–21) 	Vigilance for the Sake of Christ (5:21)

PURPOSE

JOY (1:4)

“And these things we write to you that your joy may be full”

HOLINESS (2:1)

“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin.”

NOT DECEIVED (2:26)

“I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you”

ASSURANCE (5:13)

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life”

NOTE

1 John does not follow a systematic flow. What we see is a series of spirals like a personal conversation. We see a series of statements. Then he goes through the same thoughts again and again, the same thoughts 4 times. Each time through he broadens the meaning.

Place: Ephesus

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Author: Apostle John