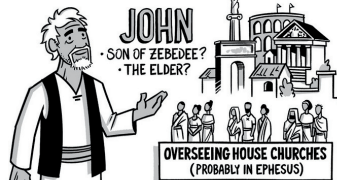
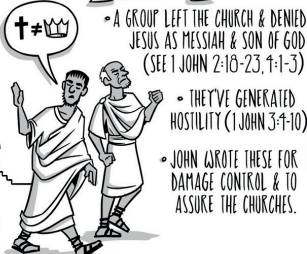


THE AUTHOR
"THE ELDER" → **THE DISCIPLE JESUS LOVED**
 (SEE 2 & 3 JOHN)



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 3:9-10)
- JOHN WROTE THESE FOR DAMAGE CONTROL & TO ASSURE THE CHURCHES.

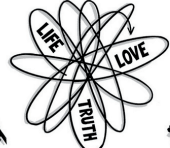
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KNOWING JESUS = KNOWING THE GOD of LOVE

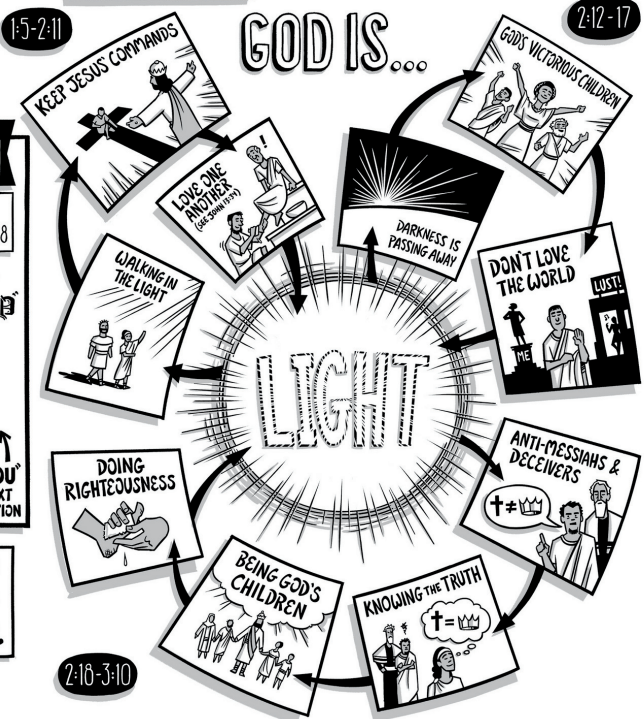
THE UNIQUENESS OF **1 JOHN**
 • NOT A LETTER, BUT A POETIC SERMON
 • ALL THE KEY IDEAS COME FROM JESUS' FINAL SPEECH IN JOHN chs.13-17

NOT LINEAR
 1 AND 2, THEREFORE, 3 BUT NOT THUS, 5...

"AMPLIFICATION"
 • CYCLICAL REPETITION
 • HYPERBOLE
 • STARK CONTRASTS



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



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)
 "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.

3 JOHN

DEAR GAIUS, WELCOME THE BROTHERS...
 ...DON'T BE LIKE DIOTREPHES.