

# Notes How To Read Your Bible Week 1

Welcome to Equip!

Equip's Goal: To teach you the Bible, doctrine, theology, and how these apply to your life, in order to glorify God.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 4:11–14 <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

## Background for 1 John

**Tool:** Dr. Tom Constable's Notes <https://planobiblechapel.org/constable-notes/>

“If I were to boil down the message of this epistle into one sentence it would be this. Fellowship with God is the essence of eternal life.” -Dr. Tom Constable's Notes

## 1 John Outlines

### **Robert Law's Outline<sup>1</sup>**

- I. Prologue 1:1–4
- II. First cycle 1:5–2:28
  - A. Righteousness 1:5–2:6
  - B. Love 2:7–17
  - C. Belief 2:18–28
- III. Second cycle 2:29–4:6
  - A. Righteousness 2:29–3:10a
  - B. Love 3:10b–24a
  - C. Belief 3:24b–4:6
- IV. Third cycle 4:7–5:12
  - A. Love 4:7–21
  - B. Righteousness 5:1–5
  - C. Belief 5:6–21

### **Ron Bigalke's Outline<sup>2</sup>**

- A Prologue: Eternal Life (1:1-4)
  - B Three Witnesses (1:5—2:2) (to deny sin is to make God a liar) (walk)
  - C The love of God and the believer (2:3-17)
    - D False christs (2:18-27)
    - E Believer's confidence (2:28—3:10) (do not sin)
    - F Love proves abiding (3:11-18)
    - E' Believer's confidence (3:19-24) (do keep God's commands)
    - D' False prophets (4:1-6)
  - C' The love of God and the believer (4:7-21)
  - B' Three Witnesses (5:1-12) (to deny Jesus is to make God a liar) (testimony)
- A' Epilogue: Eternal life (5:13-21)

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Robert Law, *The Tests of Life: A Study of the First Epistle of St. John*, pp. 1–24.

<sup>2</sup> Ron J. Bigalke, "Identity of the First Epistle of John: Context, Style, and Structure," *Journal of Dispensational Theology* 17:50 (Spring 2013):43.

## Observation, Interpretation, Correlation, Application

Living By The Book by Howard Hendricks

### Observation

Psalm 119:18 <sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

“What makes one person a better Bible student than another? He can see more. That’s all.” - Hendricks

“You see, but you do not *observe*.” -Sherlock Holmes-

1 John 1:1–10 <sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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