

WHY THESE THINGS ARE WRITTEN

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INTRO.:

- A. There is a line of facts that runs through 1 John which shows the reason for the writing of this book.
- B. The words “I write”, “written” or “declare” appear twelve times in 1 John (**1 John 1:4; 2:1, 8, 12, 13, 14, 21, 26, 5:13**).
- C. John reveals those things which God revealed unto him (**2 Pet. 1:21**).

DISCUSSION: LET US NOTICE THAT JOHN WROTE...

I. TO GIVE THE CHRISTIAN A BASIS FOR JOY.

- A. **1 John 1:4**.
- B. We all seek happiness. But where to find this is man's biggest problem.
 1. **John 13:16-17**.
 2. **Pro. 29:18**.
- C. Inspiration gives joy. FULL joy! (to fill to the full). Complete joy!

II. URGING PEOPLE TO LIVE PURE LIVES.

- A. **1 John 2:1-2**.
- B. Christ died so that men could be pure (**Heb. 2:9; 2 Cor. 5:21**).
- C. John wrote to motivate men to live godly lives (**1 John 2:1-2**).
- D. John wrote so that we might know that forgiveness is a fact (**1 John 2:12**).

III. JOHN WROTE SO WE COULD WE MIGHT HAVE ACCESS TO THE TRUTH.

- A. **1 John 2:21**.
 1. **John 8:32** “ye shall know...”
 2. Truth is found in God's word (**John 17:17**).
 3. Love is connected with truth (**1 John 3:18-19**).
- B. John assures us that we can have and can understand truth.

IV. JOHN WROTE THAT CHRISTIANS MIGHT KNOW THAT THEY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

- A. **1 John 5:13**.
- B. We all need this assurance. We would be miserable otherwise.
 1. Life on earth is brief (**James 4:13-14**).
 2. Life is uncertain (**Pro 27:1**).
 3. death is a fact we must all deal with (**Heb. 9:27**).
- C. We sing Blessed Assurance because God's promises are certain.
- D. This assurance is built upon God's written word.
 1. Not of human origin, dreams, traditions, or philosophies (**1 John 2:3-5**).
 2. We can know (**1 John 2:3-5**).
 3. Paul stood on these promises (**2 Tim. 1:12; 4:6**).

V. CONCLUSION:

- A. John writes to assure us.
- B. This assurance should give confidence to face our daily trials.