

# God Wants Fellowship with You - The astounding invitation of 1<sup>st</sup> John

## A. Background on 1<sup>st</sup> John

1. Who wrote the book? \_\_\_\_\_
  - He was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
  - He was a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Who was it written to? \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Purpose of 1<sup>st</sup> John

1. The purpose of the book is so that \_\_\_\_\_ would enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
2. This purpose is made clear when you:
  - Read the multiple purpose statements, identifying the primary purpose; the other stated purposes are subordinate to the primary.
  - Establish that the recipients are believers.
  - Read the ten imperative statements found in the book to highlight what John wanted the readers to do or not do.

<u>Purpose Statements</u>	1:3 –
	1:4 –
	2:1 –
	2:21 –
	2:26 –
	5:13 –
	5:13 –

<u>Believers Described</u>	2:1, 2:18, 2:28, 3:7, 3:18, 5:21 –
	2:12-14 –
	3:2, 4:1, 4:7, 4:11 –
	2:7 –
	4:4 –
	5:13 –

<u>Imperatives</u>	2:15 –	2:28 –
	3:1 –	3:7 –
	3:13 –	3:18 –
	4:1a –	4:1b –
	4:7 –	5:21 –

## C. Theme of 1<sup>st</sup> John

The theme of the letter is twofold:

(1) The focus is on \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) The reason for that focus is for believers to understand  
what \_\_\_\_\_ looks like.

- See this theme by following a few key words regarding God:
  1. God is light
  2. God is truth
  3. God is love
  4. God is life
  
- See this theme by following a few key words regarding fellowship:
  1. Fellowship – 1:3-7
  
  2. Know - 2:3-5 (and throughout the book)
  
  3. Abide - 2:6 (and throughout the book)