



1 John

New
Testament

β 62nd book of the Bible (out of 66)

β 0.34% of the verses in the Bible

β Written by John

Our green £1 bank note was replaced by a circular coin in 1983. In March 2017 a twelve-sided coin was introduced because there were a large number of counterfeit £1 coins in circulation. There seems to be other fake and false things in society too and not just physical items. It was the same in the first and second centuries. False teaching about God, Jesus' Incarnation, salvation from sin and mankind occurred in various places. This letter was written to counteract some of the false teaching that was being spread in the Church around the early 90s AD. Perhaps the main thrust of the letter is to warn about

Facts: John wrote five Books of the New Testament. Whilst the text doesn't explicitly mention John as the author of this Epistle, since the 2nd century it has been recognised as written by him. The original recipients aren't mentioned either! This is probably because it was a circular letter, sent to several churches in modern Turkey.

Gnosticism and the 'false prophets' spreading this counterfeit and damaging teaching.

Reading John's Gospel, we see how he points a great deal to the love of God. He does the same in this Letter. However, he reminds us that just as God loved *us* in an incredible way, so we should love others in a sacrificial way too.

John uses simple ideas and stark contrasts to highlight his important messages of holiness and following God's truth.

Aim to read the whole book over the next two weeks.