

A wooden branch runs diagonally across the frame. A red rope is tied in a knot around the branch. The background is a soft-focus scene of autumn leaves in warm tones of orange, yellow, and brown. The text 'LOVE' is written in a large, white, hand-painted style font. Below it, 'one another' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

LOVE

one another

A SERMON SERIES
FROM 1 JOHN

“Love one another” (John 13:34)

“Love one another” (John 13:35)

“Love one another” (John 15:12)

“Love one another” (John 15:17)

“Love one another” (Rom 12:10)

“Love one another” (1 Thess 3:12)

“Love one another” (1 Peter 1:22)

“Love one another” (1 John 3:11)

“Love one another” (1 John 3:23)

“Love one another” (1 John 4:7)

“Love one another” (1 John 4:11)

“Love one another” (1 John 4:12)

“Love one another” (2 John 5)

4 most
used
words in
1 John

**GOD
LOVE
KNOW
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OUTLINE OF FIRST JOHN

BASIS OF LOVE

BEHAVIOUR OF LOVE

**Conditions
of Love**

**Cautions
of Love**

**Characteristics
of Love**

**Consequences
of Love**

Chapter1

Chapter2

Chapters 3&4

Chapter5

**ABIDING IN
GOD'S LIGHT**

**ABIDING IN
GOD'S LOVE**

**ABIDING IN
GOD'S LIFE**

*Written in Ephesus c.90AD by Apostle John.
Written to refute Gnostic error in Churches John oversaw.*

LIGHT

LOVE

LIFE

PART ONE: OVERVIEW OF 1 JOHN



Main Theme of 1 John

Light

6 Mentions
(1-2)

Love

46 Mentions
(3-4)

Life

18 Mentions
(5)

We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. (cont'd)

--1 John 1:1-4 (NLT)

He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

--1 John 1:1-4 (NLT)

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☰ 1 John 2 ▾ ESV

9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. **10** Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

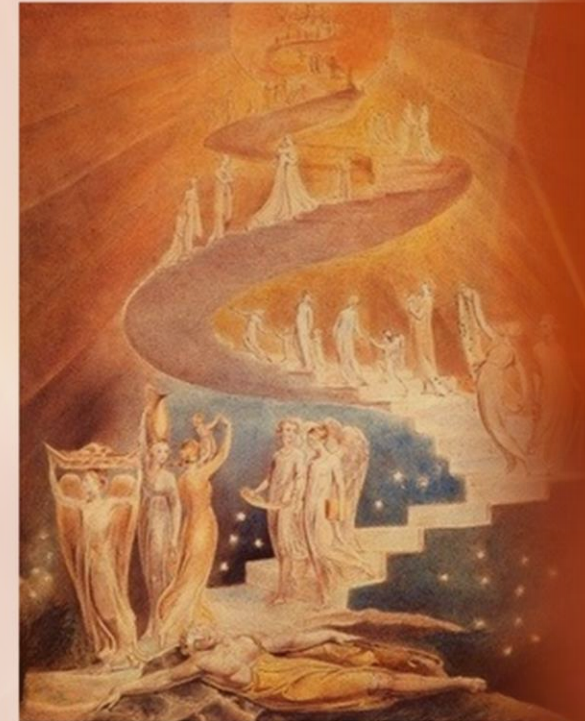
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Basis of true love is revelation truth especially about Jesus (the Word).

What is Gnosticism?

(John is combatting an early form of Gnostic heresy)

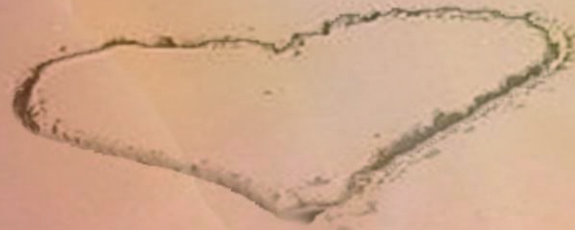
- Gnostic="gnosis" special knowledge
- What is the special knowledge?
- Very old, many forms
- Dualism—conflict between flesh and spirit
 - Usually flesh bad, spirit good
- Emanations and Aeons separate humanity from truth
- Great teachers show their followers the steps to secret truth, or more precisely awaken the truth in you.



Therefore Christ
(God) cannot
have flesh

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God is love,



and he who abides in love,
abides in God, & God in him.

1John 4:16

**True love comes from loving Jesus in truth
and expresses itself in loving others**

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Raynald III



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Story of Duke Raynald III (14th Century) who lived life of indulgence and was obese. His younger brother Edward fought him for inheritance and won – promised to treat him lovingly - constructed a room around him in a castle but made doors and windows too small for him to escape. Said if he could lose weight and fit through door/windows he could have his freedom. Every day he send him tasty food! Raynald trapped for 10 years before he died. This is example of false love – seems loving but has a controlling agenda – ulterior motive. True love is not their motivation. This is how cults work.

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1 John 2:24-25

24 “Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that He has promised us--**eternal life.**

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The result of abiding in His love is that we will possess eternal life now and forever with great joy.

Main Theme of 1 John

Light

(True
revelation
and teaching
about Jesus)

Love

(True agape
love
expressed as
true koinonia
fellowship)

Life

(Abundant
life now with
His joy &
peace)

