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Do you lack assurance?

Welcome to our study of the book of 1 John. This is going to be another exciting journey together! In 5:13 of this book, John writes, "*I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.*" Ultimately, John wrote this letter to bring assurance to believers who were questioning their salvation. As we study this book together, we'll find ourselves being reassured of the gift of eternal life given to us all through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as we prayerfully study this letter in the next few months, may we say with the father of child whom Jesus healed in Mark 9, "Lord I believe; help my unbelief!"

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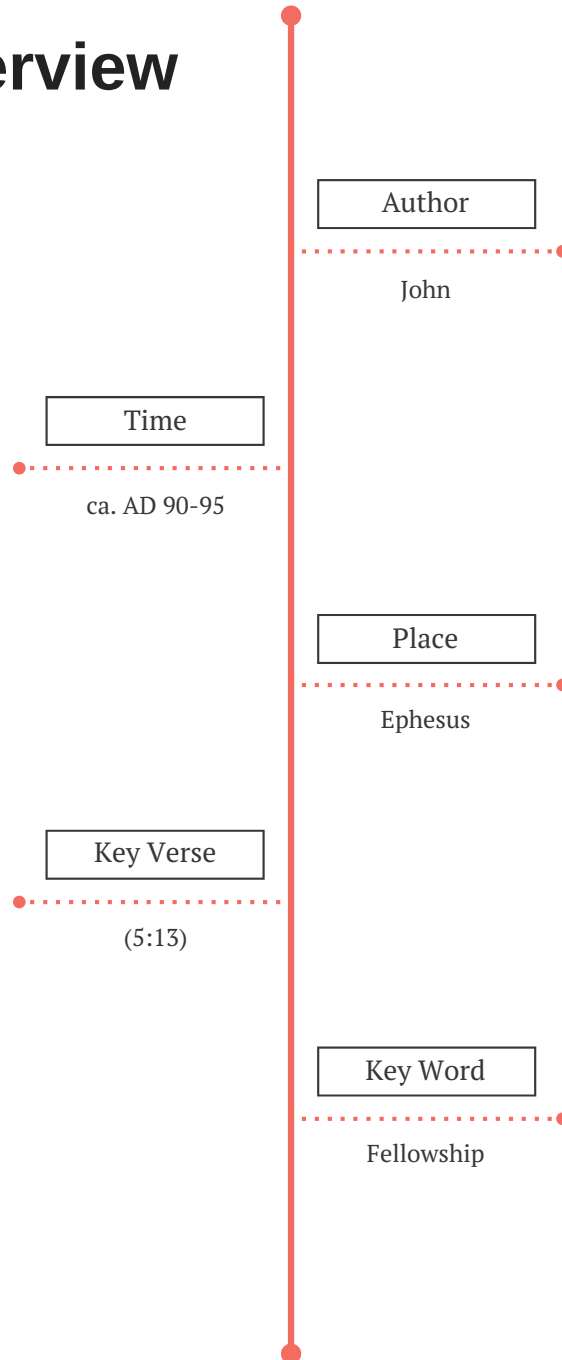
Suggested Outline

- Prologue 1:1-4
- Walking in the light 1:5-2:2
- Keeping His commands 2:3-11
- New status of believers and their relation to the world 2:12-17
- A warning against antichrists 2:18-27
- The hope of God's children 2:28-3:3
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Quick Overview



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Background to the Letter

John completes an early form of his gospel

Difficulties arise within the fellowship of churches

Some hold false beliefs about the person and work of Christ

Disagreement arises over false beliefs about Christ

Those who embraced new view split from the church (2:19)

Believers, now confused, start to question their salvation

1 John written to provide assurance