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# Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

The purpose of this book is to extract the most interesting insights from that massive list. This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to list the major points of each book because you're probably already familiar with them. Finally, it's not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

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# 1 John

- Jesus is an eternal being. He already existed at the beginning of the world and He had no beginning (1 John 1:1).
- The things John wrote about Jesus were things he had seen for himself. He was an eyewitness to them and was giving a firsthand account (1 John 1:1).
- The reason the disciples testified about Jesus was so that others might have fellowship with them (1 John 1:3).
- In order to have fellowship with Jesus you need to have a reliable and true account of His life. You need to know who He is and what He did. You can't have fellowship with Jesus without the Scriptures (1 John 1:1-3).
- This book was written so that our joy might be full (1 John 1:4).
- God isn't a mixture of both good and evil. Instead He's purely good (1 John 1:5).
- Those who claim to have fellowship with God but walk in sin are liars (1 John 1:6).
- Fellowship comes from walking together in the ways of God (1 John 1:7).
- The blood of Jesus is what cleanses us from sin (1 John 1:7).
- There's no one who is without sin. Those who claim to be without sin are deceiving themselves and calling God a liar (1 John 1:8-10).
- In order to be saved and have our sins forgiven we must confess our sins to God. If we do that then God will

forgive us (1 John 1:9).

- One of the reasons the apostle John wrote this letter was so that Christians would stop sinning (1 John 2:1).
- When we sin, Jesus is our advocate with God the Father (1 John 2:1).
- Jesus is the propitiation for our sins (1 John 2:2). This means He was punished on our behalf to redeem us and purchase our forgiveness.
- Those who keep the commandments of Jesus prove that they know Him (1 John 2:3). That obedience is proof that we're saved.
- Anyone who claims that they know Jesus but doesn't keep His commandments is a liar (1 John 2:4).
- Keeping the commandments of Jesus is an act of love (1 John 2:5).
- Those who have hatred for others aren't saved. They are blind and don't know where they're going (1 John 2:9-11).
- One of the reasons the apostle John wrote this letter is because our sins have been forgiven (1 John 2:12).
- One of the distinguishing characteristics of Christians is that they don't love this world or the things that are in this world. They have no interest in the desires of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes, or the pride of life, for those things are not of God. Instead their desire is to know and do the will of God (1 John 2:15-17).
- This world is passing away (1 John 2:17).
- He who does the will of God will abide forever (1 John 2:17).



- The passage of time will reveal those who are false converts because they will eventually leave the truth (1 John 2:19).
- Those who deny that Jesus is the Messiah are liars (1 John 2:22).
- Those who deny Jesus deny God the Father as well (1 John 2:22). You either have both (by believing in Jesus) or neither.
- Jesus has promised us eternal life (1 John 2:25).
- God has given Christians an anointing which allows us to understand the Scriptures (1 John 2:27).
- If we abide in Jesus then we won't be ashamed when He returns (1 John 2:28).
- Christians are called the sons of God (1 John 3:1).
- Although we're the sons of God, we don't know what we will ultimately become. At some point God will transform us into something else but those details have been hidden. What we do know is that when Jesus returns "we shall be like him" (1 John 3:2).
- When Jesus returns we will see Him as He is (1 John 3:2).
- The hope of the return of Jesus should motivate Christians to seek faithfulness and holiness (1 John 3:3).
- Sins and transgressions are the same thing (1 John 3:4).
- Jesus is sinless (1 John 3:5).
- We must not let anyone deceive us: those who live a righteous life are righteous, and those who don't live a righteous life are of the devil (1 John 3:7-8).

- One of the reasons Jesus was made manifest was to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).
- The reason Cain murdered his brother was because his actions were evil but his brother's actions were righteous (1 John 3:12).
- We shouldn't be surprised if the world hates us (1 John 3:13). After all, we are not of the world.
- No murderer has eternal life abiding in him (1 John 3:15).
- The love of Christians for one another should be so great that we should be willing to lay down our lives for other believers (1 John 3:16).
- The way we demonstrate our love for others is by meeting their needs when we're able to do so (1 John 3:17).
- The reason God grants our prayers is because we obey His commandments (1 John 3:22).
- God commands us to believe in Jesus and love one another (1 John 3:23).
- God dwells in those who keep His commandments (1 John 3:24).
- Christians must test the things they hear to see if they're true (1 John 4:1).
- One of the key ways to tell if a spirit is true or false is by looking at what it teaches about Jesus (1 John 4:2-3). All true spirits will confirm what the Bible teaches about Him.
- Those who are genuinely saved will accept and believe what the apostles have to say (1 John 4:6).

- God manifested His love for us by sending Jesus into the world. Jesus is proof of God's love for us (1 John 4:9).
- Since God loved us, we must love one another (1 John 4:11).
- No one has ever seen God (1 John 4:12).
- If we love one another then God's love is perfected in us (1 John 4:12).
- God the Father sent His Son to be the savior of the world (1 John 4:14).
- God dwells in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 4:15).
- Christians don't need to be afraid of the coming judgment. If we're afraid then we haven't been perfected in love (1 John 4:18).
- The reason we love God is because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).
- It's impossible to love God but hate others (1 John 4:20).
- All those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah are born of God (1 John 5:1).
- All those who genuinely love Jesus also love the people who He saved (1 John 5:1).
- Those who don't keep God's commandments don't love others (1 John 5:2-3).
- We overcome the world by faith (1 John 5:4).
- The people who have overcome the world are those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 5:5).

- God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all one. They are one God in three persons, not three different gods (1 John 5:7).
- The witness of God is greater than the witness of men (1 John 5:9).
- God the Father has testified about Jesus, His Son. Those who reject the Father's testimony about Jesus are calling Him a liar (1 John 5:9-10).
- One of the reasons the apostle John wrote this book was so that Christians could have assurance of their salvation and know that they had eternal life (1 John 5:13).
- If we ask God for something that's according to His will, He hears us (1 John 5:14).
- Not all sin is equally severe (1 John 5:16).
- All unrighteousness is sin (1 John 5:17).
- If we want to protect ourselves from the devil then we must avoid sin (1 John 5:18).
- This world is wicked (1 John 5:19).
- God has given us understanding so that we may believe in Jesus (1 John 5:20).