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## THE LETTER OF I JOHN

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— **2** the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the

**2** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **2** He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. **3** And by

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# Christless Christianity?

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“It was more than I could believe that Jesus was the only incarnate son of God, and that only he who believed in Him would have everlasting life. If God could have sons, all of us were His sons. If Jesus was like God, or God Himself, then all men were like God and could be God Himself.”

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“I may say that I have never been interested in a historical Jesus. I should not care if it was proved by someone that the man called Jesus never lived, and that what was narrated in the Gospels was a figment of the writer's imagination. For the Sermon on the Mount would still be true for me.”

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“...Jesus is bigger than any one religion...He will always transcend whatever cages and labels are created to contain and name him, especially the one called ‘Christianity.’

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“This kind insists that Jesus is the way, but holds tightly to the assumption that the all-embracing, saving love of this particular Jesus the Christ will of course include all sorts of unexpected people from across the cultural spectrum. As soon as the door is opened to Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Baptists from Cleveland, many Christians

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become very uneasy, saying that Jesus doesn't matter anymore, the cross is irrelevant, it doesn't matter what you believe, and so forth.

Not true. Absolutely, unequivocally, unalterably not true.

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What Jesus does is declare that he and he alone, is saving everybody.”



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Do the beliefs I profess confirm that I know  
God?

## **I John 2:18-19 (ESV)**

Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become

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## **I John 2:18-19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> plain that they all are not of us.

## **I John 2:22-27 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup> Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard

## **I John 2:22-27 (ESV)**

<sup>24</sup> from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.

<sup>25</sup> And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.<sup>26</sup> I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

<sup>27</sup> But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need

## **I John 2:22-27 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup> that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

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## Two Groups

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**Liars?**



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**“Eucatrostrophe”**