

Prologue, 1.1-4

*"... so that you too may have fellowship with us ... that our joy may be made complete."*

I. **The message introduced**, 1.5–2.27

*"the one who says..."*

A. Introduction, 1.5

*"God is light..."*

B. Argument, 1.6–2.27

*"if we walk in the darkness ... if we walk in the light..."*

1. *Test 1: Sin*, 1.6-10

*"if we say ... if we say ... if we say ..."*

**Reassurance**, 2.1-2

*"if anyone sins ..."*

2. *Test 2: Obedience*, 2.3-6

*"the one who says ... the one who says ..."*

**Reassurance**, 2.7-8

*"a new commandment ... which is true in Him and in you ..."*

3. *Test 3: Love*, 2.9-11

*"the one who says ..."*

**Reassurance**, 2.12-14

*"your sins have been forgiven you ..."*

[ A warning, 2.15-17

*"Do not love the world ..."* ]

4. *Test 4: Truth*, 2.18-27

a. Statement, 2.18-20

*"many antichrists have appeared ... they went out from us ..."*

**Reassurance**, 2.21

*"you know the truth ..."*

b. Test, 2.22-23

*"the one who denies ... whoever denies ..."*

**Reassurance**, 2.24-25

*"you have eternal life ..."*

c. Conclusion, 2.26-27

*"His anointing teaches you all things ..."*

## II. **The message explained**, 2.28–4.6

*"everyone who ..."*

### A. Introduction, 2.28-29

*"He is righteous ..."*

### B. Argument, 3.1–4.6

*"the children of God ... children of the devil ..."*

#### **Reassurance**, 3.1-3

*"we are the children of God ..."*

#### 1. *Tension 1*: Righteousness, 3.4-10

##### a. Explanation, 3.4-8

*"everyone who ... no one who ... no one who ... the one who ... the one who ..."*

#### **Reassurance**, 3.9

*"No one who is born of God practices sin ..."*

##### b. Conclusion, 3.10

*"the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious ..."*

#### 2. *Tension 2*: Love, 3.11-24

##### a. Explanation, 3.11-18

*"everyone who ..."*

#### **Reassurance**, 3.19-22

*"we are of the truth ..."*

##### b. Conclusion, 3.23-24

*"love one another, just as He commanded us."*

#### 3. *Tension 3*: Truth, 4.1-6

##### a. Explanation, 4.1-3

*"every spirit ... every spirit ..."*

#### **Reassurance**, 4.4

*"you are from God, little children, and have overcome them ..."*

##### b. Conclusion, 4.5-6

*"he who knows God listens to us ..."*

III. **The message summarized**, 4.7–5.12

*"everyone who ..."*

A. Introduction, 4.7-8

*"God is love."*

B. Argument, 4.9–5.12

*"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world ..."*

1. *Tenet 1*: Love, 4.9-21

a. Statement, 4.9-14

*"He loved us and sent us His Son ..."*

**Reassurance**, 4.15-18

*"we may have confidence in the Day of Judgment ..."*

b. Conclusion, 4.19-21

*"the one who loves God should love his brother also."*

2. *Tenet 2*: Truth, 5.1-12

a. Statement, 5.1-4

*"Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God ..."*

**Reassurance**, 5.5-10

*"the one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself ..."*

b. Conclusion, 5.11-12

*"He who has the Son has the life ..."*

**Concluding Remarks**, 5.13-21