A Visual Guide to 1 John

Key Info & Themes at a Glance

The Author

Traditionally attributed to the **Apostle John**, son of Zebedee. The author writes as an **eyewitness** to the life and ministry of Jesus, emphasizing what he has "seen and heard."

Historical Snapshot

Written around **85-95 AD**, likely from Ephesus. It was sent to a community of believers to combat **false teachings** (early Gnosticism) and to give them **assurance** of their faith.

Key Themes

God is Light: Believers are called to "walk in the light" through obedience and truth.

God is Love: The defining characteristic of God, which should be reflected in believers' love for one another.

Assurance of Salvation: Written so that believers "may know that you have eternal life."

Sin & Forgiveness: Acknowledges the reality of sin but emphasizes Christ's power to forgive and cleanse.