

# An Outline of 1 John

## Prologue (1:1-4)

- I. The Tests of Eternal Life: Cycle 1 (1:5—2:27)
  - A. Obedience to Jesus Christ & His Word (1:5—2:6)
  - B. Love for God & His People (2:7-17)
  - C. Faith in Jesus Christ & His Gospel (2:18-27)
- II. The Tests of Eternal Life: Cycle 2 (2:28—4:6)
  - A. Obedience to Jesus Christ & His Word (2:28—3:10)
  - B. Love for God & His People (3:11-24)
  - C. Faith in Jesus Christ & His Gospel (4:1-6)
- III. The Tests of Eternal Life: Cycle 3 (4:7—5:21)
  - A. Love for God & His People (4:7-21)
  - B. Faith in Jesus Christ & His Gospel (5:1-13)
  - C. Obedience to Christ & His Word (5:14-21)

# The Nature of Saving Faith (Pt. 1)

## **1 John 5:1-13**

### I. The Cause of Saving Faith (1a)

- Three Insights...

#### A. A Summary of Saving Faith

1. A Definition of Faith
2. The Content of Faith

#### B. A Definition of a True Christian

#### C. The Role of the New Birth

# The Practical Ramifications of the New Birth as the Cause of Faith

1. It destroys our pride and produces humility and gratitude.
2. It shapes our understanding of the entire doctrine of salvation.
3. It affects our approach to evangelism.
4. It strengthens our peace and assurance.
5. It provides our hope of perseverance and ultimate glorification.
6. If you've never been born of God, it reduces you to a spiritual beggar, pleading with God for His grace.
7. It gives God ultimate glory.