

# 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 (5:1-15)
  - C. Obedience to Christ & His Word (5:16-21)

# Real Christians & Deepfakes (Pt. 1)

*1 John 5:16-21*

- I. Praying for Those in False Forms of the Faith or with False Professions of the True Faith (16-17)

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1. The Argument

2. The Circumstances (16a)

3. The Command (16b)

4. The Answer (16c)

5. The Exception (16d)

a. Don't pray for a true believer living in a pattern of sin that may lead to physical death (1 Cor. 5:5; 11:30). [Or...]

b. Don't pray for a false believer or teacher who has abandoned the genuine faith (Jude 13).

6. A Reminder (17)

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### Two Common Interpretations...

- A. Pray for the restoration of a true believer living in sin (16-17).
- B. Pray for the salvation of a false believer living in deception (16-17).

#### 1. The Arguments

#### 2. The Circumstances (16a)

- a. A professing believer has embraced a false form of the Christian faith.
- b. A professing believer has demonstrated a false profession of faith in biblical Christianity.

#### 3. The Command (16b)

#### 4. The Answer (16c)

#### 5. The Exception (16d) – false teachers

#### 6. A Reminder (17)