

## The First Epistle of John

...so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ (1John 1:3)

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### **The Prologue**

This passage has been termed the Prologue of this Epistle. What other book of the Bible has a Prologue? What verses does it contain?

Read John 1:1-18

What similarities do you see?

What differences?

Why do you think John repeats “seen” three times and the word “heard” twice in the first 3 verses?

Who is “we?”

Akouō =

horaō =

theaomai =

psēlaphaō =

See Luke 29:39

Verse 2 is a verse-long parenthesis – this is indicated in the NIV, ESV, and NASB by a dash, and is indicated by a literal in the NET and the KJV (interestingly, the NKJV opts for a dash).

The Greek behind “manifested” (*phaneroō*) =

Does anyone know the Greek for “fellowship?” (v. 3)

What is important at this point is to apprehend the wonder of having an intimate fellowship with the Father and Jesus, of His desire for fellowship with us, and to realize what those false teachers had lost by choosing to sever that intimacy and abandon their faith.