

1 John Series

Lesson 15

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Nature (unseen)



Historic Person (seen)



Influence of this Person in people

"Deliberative Orator" structure	John's structure
Preface: introduction to the deliberation	1:1–4 Prologue—call to sharing Eternal Life 1:5–2:11 Preamble—daily interaction with the Triune God
<i>Thesis: central proposal of the speaker</i>	2:12–27 Purpose—to exhort believers to keep in fellowship in a hostile environment
Supporting material: arguments that support the thesis	2:28–4:19 Arguments—how to attain confidence before God
Conclusion and recapitulation	4:20–5:17 Repetitions and exhortations
Epilogue: review of argument and closing exhortation	5:18–21 Review of 3 foundational truths to experience eternal life

2:12–13	2:14
I write ... little children (tekvia) ... sins forgiven	I write ... little children (paidia) ... know Father
I write ... fathers ... know Him	I have written ... fathers ... know Him
I write ... young men ... overcome	I have written ... young men ... strong ... Word of God ... overcome



“I testify ...”

Chafer on the Meaning of “Cosmos”

“This word means *order, system, regulation*, and indicates that the world is an order or system, but in every instance—and there are many—where a moral feature of the world is in view, this *cosmos* world is said to be opposed to God. It is declared to have originated—in its plan and order—with Satan. . . . This *cosmos* is largely characterized by its ideals and entertainments. . . . These features of the *cosmos* are often close counterfeits of the things of God and in no place does the believer need divine guidance more than when attempting to draw a line of separation between the things of God and the things of Satan’s *cosmos*.”

~Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, II, 330

1:1–4	Prologue—call to sharing eternal life with God through the apostles
1:5–2:11	Preamble—daily interacting with the Triune God
	1:5–2:2 fellowship with God the Father at His Holy Integrity
	2:3–8 fellowship with God the Son at His Commandments
	2:9–11 fellowship with God the Holy Spirit at His work in believers
2:12–27	Purpose—call to resist the doomed world system and its Christ-denying teachers
	2:12–14 resistance begins with confidence in the Spirit’s work in one’s life
	2:15–17 resistance utilizes the strategic envelopment of the world system being accomplished by the Father
	2:18–27 resistance adheres to the Spirit-confirmed, once-for-all time apostolic doctrine that renders innovation unnecessary and contradictory