

# THE LETTERS OF JOHN



What's Missing in Our Joy?

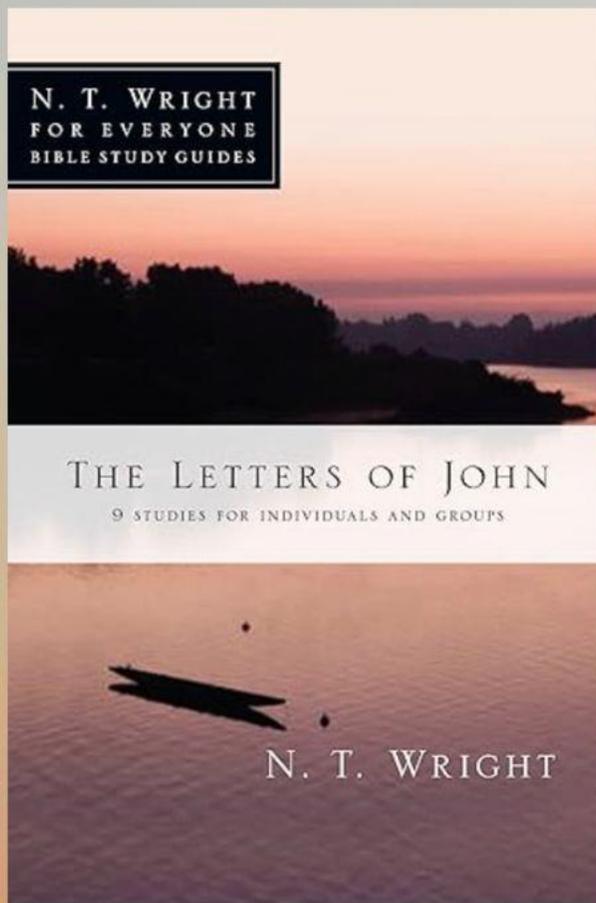


# “THE LETTERS OF JOHN” MEETUP

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*-1 John 1:4*

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# Two Things about 1 John:

- John emphasizes the truth about Jesus (to challenge competing narratives)
- John writes the letter in a unique literary form (not in linear argumentation)

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# 1 John 1:1-4

- We're proclaiming Jesus as fully God and fully man
- So we can have fellowship with each other and with God
- We're not just proclaiming, but we're also explaining all this
- So that our joy may be complete

*The joy of encountering Jesus isn't complete  
until it is shared!*

# Invitation

- Ask Jesus to highlight some specific ways you have encountered Him recently
- Commit to sharing that in some way with others "so our joy will be complete"