

Pastor Bill Butler **November 15, 2015**
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2. From John's Gospel, Epistles and Revelation, we know that he was a personal eyewitness of the life and work of __**JES;US**__, lived in the region known today as __**TURKEY**__ and had a position of authority as a leader of the church.
3. ____**POLYCARP**____, who identified himself as a disciple of John the Apostle, was burned at the stake in 156 AD.
4. The Apostle John does not identify himself by name in his writings, but as "the Apostle whom Jesus __**LOVED**__."
5. The First Epistle of John combatted a __**HERESY**__ called Gnosticism, which taught that salvation was found through a higher, spiritual knowledge that ordinary people, including __**CHRISTIANS**____, did not have.
6. As an old man, John, a teacher, preacher, pastor and shepherd was exiled on the island of Patmos where he received the vision he recorded in ____**REVELATION**____, a source of great encouragement to him.
7. The Apostles Paul, Peter and John taught that truth must be proclaimed in ____**LOVE**____. Christ was the perfect image of these two in balance.
8. To the end of his life, John never tolerated deception, lies and sin and was always committed to the truth. He loved Christ and those Christ ____**ENTRUSTED**____ to his care with a deep love.
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