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### 2 Peter

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### 1 John

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### **3 John**

- I. Walk in Truth and Love (1-8)**
- II. Condemnation to Those Not Abiding in God (9-11)**
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