

Pastor Bill Butler **November 15, 2015**
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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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