

FIRST JOHN 1:1-4 FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD!

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THE WORD OF LIFE

1Jn 1:1-4 THAT WHICH WAS FROM THE BEGINNING, WHICH WE HAVE HEARD, WHICH WE HAVE SEEN WITH OUR EYES, WHICH WE HAVE LOOKED UPON, AND OUR HANDS HAVE HANDLED, CONCERNING THE WORD OF LIFE—

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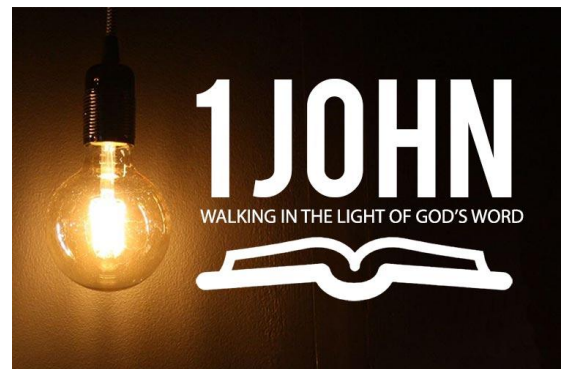
[3] THAT WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD WE DECLARE TO YOU, THAT YOU ALSO MAY HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US; AND TRULY OUR FELLOWSHIP IS WITH THE FATHER AND WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

[4] AND THESE THINGS WE WRITE TO YOU THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL.

1 JOHN CHAPTER 1:

OBJECTIVES:

- **To come into a closer relationship, closer fellowship, with God the Father, God the Son our Lord Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit** through the study and praying through His word.
- **To know God through a greater understanding of His word.**
- **To know His word and how to find out what we need from it, when we need it and to understand what His will for us is in every situation!**
- **To improve and activate our prayer life!**



1 JOHN 1: FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

The Word of Life

1Jn 1:1 *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—*

- **1Jn 1:1 *That which was from the beginning, (Gen 1:1) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Joh 1:1-2) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. Christ was with God from the beginning Mic 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting* (beyond the vanishing point - eternal, vital, intellectual Word of the eternal living Father)**
- ***which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, (Joh 1:14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.***
- ***which we have looked upon* (gazed steadfastly upon), (2 Pet 1:16) *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.***

- **and our hands have handled, (Luke 24:39) Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.**
- **concerning the Word of life, (Joh 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (Joh 1:4) In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, (Joh 1:14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

1Jn 1:2 the life was manifested (revealed), and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

- **1Jn 1:2 the life (Joh 1:4) In Him was life, and the life was the light of men,**
- **was manifested, and we have seen, (Rom 16:26) but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith**
- **and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was (Joh 21:24) This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.**
- **with the Father and was manifested to us, (Joh 1:1-2) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (Joh 1:18) No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. (Joh 16:28) I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."**
- **John makes a strong declaration of the eternity of Jesus Christ.**
- **The life of God was manifested on the earth.** That is what Christmas is all about, celebrating the day that the Creator came to visit and live among His creation.

1Jn 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship (koinonia) is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

- **(1Co 1:9) God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- **"Fellowship" in Greek is *koinonia*, variously translated "oneness, in common, communion." Jesus came to bring us into *koinonia* with God.**
- **This was the purpose for God sending His Son into the world. To restore sinning man back into fellowship with God.**
- **John begins with a lower level, "*Fellowship with us*," then raises it to the highest level. "*Our fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ*," the ultimate purpose, God's basic purpose for our existence.**

1Jn 1:4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

- **The first reason John gives for writing this epistle is THAT our joy may be full (Joh 15:11) "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. (Joh 16:24) Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.**
- **Happiness is a variable, related to our circumstances.** Joy in the Lord is a constant, based on the relationship we have as His children
- **Having joy is important as it relates to our prayer life; our fellowship with God and with the body of Christ; our living in the presence of God and our faith in Jesus.**
- **The word joyful, which actually means full of joy, is used 25 times in the scriptures. God wants your life to be full of joy**

SUMMARY: CHAPTER 1 – FOUR GREAT BENEFITS:

- **FELLOWSHIP: v.3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.** An awesome quantum leap! That we, finite man, could live in fellowship, in communion with the infinite God!

- **JOY:** v.4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. God wants your life to be full of joy. Lord, help us to receive Your joy!
- **CLEANSING:** v.7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. Jesus paid the price for all our sins adopting those that believe as His sons and daughters!
- **FORGIVENESS:** v.9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Oh, the blessing of being cleansed by His blood, now and forever!

Suggestions for the Coming Week:

To Maximize Your growth by the study of His Word and drawing yourself closer to Him.

Be a Berean! Act 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

- **Read the entire Epistle of 1 John each day** (takes 15 min to read the 103 verses in the 5 chapters) **Find the 4 verses in which state John's purpose in writing this epistle.**

Pray Today For: We thank the *LORD* for a continuing great worldwide harvest! For continuing protection and security of all believers! For a great revival in the Church! For many to come to Jesus!

President & V.P.: Donald & Melania Trump; J.D & Usha Vance; Senate majority leader **John Thune**; Speaker of the House **Mike Johnson**; For the opening up of the Government!

HOUSE OF THE LORD Wickham (3:47)

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is We worship the God who evermore will be He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea My God, He holds the victory

(Chorus) - There's joy in the house of the Lord There's joy in the house of the Lord today And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise There's joy in the house of the Lord Our God is surely in this place And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves We sing to the God who always makes a way 'Cause He hung up on that Cross Then He rose up from that grave My God's still rolling stones away (Chorus)

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THE EPISTLE OF 1 JOHN

- **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD**
- **First John has been called** the “Holy of Holies” of the New Testament. It takes the believer, the child of God, across the threshold into the fellowship of our Father’s house! Does not prayer do that as well?
- **Most people understand** that the important things in life are not things at all we have. God has put a desire for relationship in every one of us, a desire He intended to be met with relationships with other people, but most of all, to be met by a relationship with Him.
- **In this remarkable letter, John tells us the truth about relationships** - and shows us how to have relationships that are real, for both now and eternity. The purpose of the Epistle is to bring you into relationship with God.
- **It is the “family” epistle!** It’s not addressed to any person, city, or church. Paul’s epistles are written primarily to churches, but this is a family epistle and should be handled that way. The church is a body of believers in the position where we are blessed, having been given that position when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Believing on Christ brings us into the family of God.
- **In the family we have a relationship which can be broken by sin,** but it is restored when “we confess our sins.” Then “*He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” (1 Joh 1:9)
- It is believed to have been written around 90 A.D. John was the last living apostle, the only one who was not martyred for Christ. He was an eyewitness!
- **The heresy of Gnosticism was gaining a foothold in the Church** when John wrote this letter. The Gnostics believed that all material was evil and therefore that Jesus was not in a living body like ours.
- **John sought to correct the heresy by emphasizing the deity of Jesus Christ** in his writings as one who actually was with Jesus, walking with Him and observing Him during His public ministry. We will see this testimony of the living Christ in this epistle.
- **Phrases and Words frequently used in 1 John:** *we know* – 16x; *if we* – 10 x, *if we say* – 3x
- **Words:** *God* - 57x; *know (known)* – 37x; *love* – 36x; *Son of God* – 23x; *if* – 21x; *sin* – 21x; *commandment* – 14x; *have written* – 13 x; *Jesus* – 11x; *believe* – 10x; *Holy Spirit* – 7x
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