

FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 1:1-4

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Knowing God” - Part 2

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 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 is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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-- 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- 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.

From Our Previous Study

The Eyewitness Account

The Testimony of Eyewitnesses
The Testimony of the Written Word
And The Testimony of Those Affected

John, With All His Persuasive Passion

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

Peter Put it This Way;

2 Peter 1:17-21

For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

And in the words of Paul

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Last Time

1.) The **Point of Origin** of Our Relationship with God

2.) The **Factual Evidence** of Our Relationship with God

3.) The **Experiential Reality** of Our Relationship with God

The Holy Spirit Challenges Us Here in Three Ways

1.) **An Argument** vv. 2

2.) **An Invitation** vv. 3

3.) **An Identification** vv. 4

1.) **An Argument** for Putting Your Faith in God vv. 2

The life was manifested, and we have **seen**, and **bear witness**, and **declare** to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us

a.) Argument - Our Faith is Based Upon The Facts v.2

The life was manifested, and we have **seen**, and **bear witness**, and **declare** to you

The life

Life itself, The Source of Living

John 1:1-7

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The Word was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through The Word, and without The Word nothing was made that was made. 4 **In Him (The Word) was life, and the life was the light of men.** 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Verse 2

The life was manifested, and we have **seen**, and **bear witness**, and **declare** to you



seen

grk 3708 horao (hor-ah'-o);

to stare. To physically experience., to behold

1 John 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



looked upon

2300 theaomai (theh-ah'-om-ah-ee);

to look closely at, to examine, to reviewing

we get the english word "**Theater**" from this word

It's Not a Debate About - Is Jesus Real...

...The Debate is - Will You Bow to Him as King?



bear witness

grk 3140 martureo (mar-too-reh'-o);
to testify under oath. To give evidence.



declare

grk 518 apaggello (ap-ang-el'-lo);
to announce: to give a full report, to show and to tell.

To The Share the Experience

An Argument for Putting Your Faith in God

b.) Argument – Jesus' Style of Relationship & Ministry

Verse 2

((The life was manifested))
that **eternal life** which was with the Father

that eternal life

1 John 5:20

#1 - And **we know** that the Son of God has come
#2 - and has given us an understanding, #3 - that we may **know** Him who is true; #4 - and we are in
Him who is true, #5 - **in His Son** Jesus Christ. **This is the true God and eternal life.**

Eternal Life is Jesus Christ

Do You Know Him?

((Not "Do You Know About Him" – But Do You Know Him))

How Do You Know You're Saved and Heaven Bound?

Can You Say Right Now

"I Do Not Desire Him - I Do Not Believe in the Bible - I Do Not Want God in My Life"

He's Everything
that You've Ever Desired

An Argument for Putting Your Faith in God

c.) Argument – Jesus Changes the Lives of His Followers

Verse 2

((The life was manifested))
and was manifested to us



manifested grk

5319 phaneroo (fan-er-o'-o);

to render apparent, to shine forth. An unveiling of that which has been hidden

To Bring Out into the Open

To put on "Practical" display – hands on!

"To Show & Tell"

Matthew 3:16-17

And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, {and} coming upon Him, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, **"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."**

Hebrews 1:1-3

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding

#1

who being the **brightness** of His glory



brightness

grk

541 apaugasma (ap-ow'-gas-mah);

the effulgence. The shining forth, the beaming of, the emission of light

#2

and the **express image** of His person



express image

grk

5481 karakter (khar-ak-tare');

a molded tool or person. An engraving. the figure stamped. an exact copy or representation):

Matthew 1:22-23

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."



emmanuel

grk

1694 Emmanouel (em-man-oo-ale');

God with or among us.

This is Awesome to Consider, to Meditate Upon

1 Timothy 3:16

16 And without controversy (**debate**) great is the mystery (**that which has been hidden**) of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

Ask Yourself – Did This Happen in History?

Was there ever an event recorded or mentioned that suggests that what the Bible says is true?

That Question should drive you to Reason or Insanity
(Insane – to not employ reason)

Our Argument is
Jesus Changes Lives

Listen to The Most **Famous** and **Infamous** Non-Christian that There Ever Was

Acts 9:1-6

1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 And as he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "**Lord, what do You want me to do?**" - **always a mark of change!**

He Changes Lives

Matthew 15:30-31

30 Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. 31 So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

You Must Deal With This Truth

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1.) **An Argument** for Putting Your Faith in God vv. 2

2.) **An Invitation** to Fellowship With God and Us vv. 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 Invitation to Fellowship With God Himself

a.) It's An Invitation That Makes Sense v.3

that which we have **seen** and **heard** we **declare** to you,
that you also may have fellowship with us;

Having Seen Him, Having Heard Him
We Declare to You...



declare

grk 518 apaggello (ap-ang-el'-lo);

to give a full accounting. To bring the report, to tell all

Adam & Eve's (our) Separation

Genesis 2:17

"but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

God is **Spirit**, We are **Flesh**, God is **Holy**, We are **Unholy**

Fellowship

Fractured

Jesus Has Come To Bridge that Infinite Gap

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, **(HIS MISSION)**

Isaiah 1:18

18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Matthew 11:28-30

28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

An Invitation to Fellowship With God Himself

b.) It's An Invitation To Experience a Real Relationship v.3

and **truly our fellowship** is
with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

This is The Calling That God Has Given Me

For Preaching (evangelization) and Teaching (Doctrine)



Fellowship grk 2842 koinonia (koy-nohn-ee'-ah);
true unity, partnership, social intercourse,
full communication. Undefined communion,

Fellowship; Us Gathering Around The Father & The Son

An Invitation to Fellowship With God Himself

c.) It's An Invitation Unlike Any Other v.3

Our Relationship is... with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Consider The Invitation

To fellowship with The Eternal, Everlasting, Always Being, All Powerful, All Knowing, Ever Present, Creator God of all that there is both material and spiritual



With

grk 3326 meta (met-ah')

a primary preposition denoting accompaniment; "amid" or "joined together" to be synchronized

The One Who The Bible Says

Isaiah 40:12

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,
measured heaven with a span and

Isaiah 40:26

Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their starry sky by number; he calls them all by name, and by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing.

The One Who The Bible Says

Psalms 19:1-6

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, 5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. 6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The One Who The Bible Says

Ephesians 2:4-7

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

The One Who The Bible Says

Jeremiah 31:3

"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

3.) **An Identifying** Hallmark of the Christian Life vv. 4

a.) **An Identifying** Hallmark - Secured In Joy v.4

And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

We have been placed into His Fullness

Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

An Identifying Hallmark of the Christian Life

b.) **An Identifying** Hallmark - Empowered By Joy v.4

And these things we write to you **that your joy** may be full.

We have been empowered to Live Above this World

Nehemiah 8:10

for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Lord's Joy

Matthew 13:44

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which **a man** (Jesus) found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
(He buys the World to get the Treasure)

Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

An Identifying Hallmark of the Christian Life

c.) **An Identifying** Hallmark - Complete With Joy v.4

And these things we write to you that **your joy may be full**.

We have been Guaranteed Life Evermore
Your joy may be Full.

He is **committed** to You Having Joy

He Wants Us Joy-Full

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able

#1 - to keep you from stumbling, and #2 - to present you faultless before the presence of His glory #3
- **with exceeding joy,**

John Himself Said;

3 John 1:4

I have no **greater joy** than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Peter Expressed Anticipation;

1 Peter 4:13

...rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings,
that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad **with exceeding joy.**

Jesus Prayed to The Father;

John 17:13

"But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world,
that they may have **My joy** fulfilled in themselves.

The End