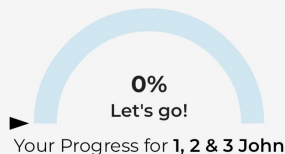


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1, 2 & 3 John
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← READ

1 John 1:1 - 4

The Incarnation Of the Word of Life

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

4 We write this to make our joy complete.

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← REFLECT

Read through 1 John 1:1-4 and reflect on the questions below.

1. Scripture: What verse was meaningful to you?

Share your thoughts ...

2. Observation: What is God saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words.

Share your thoughts ...

3. Application: Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation, a new promise or corrections for an area of your life. Write down how this passage applies to you today.

Share your thoughts ...

4. Prayer: This can be as simple as asking God to help you live out the truth from this passage, or it may be seeking God for a greater understanding of what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say!

Share your thoughts ...



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WHAT A FELLOWSHIP



¹ That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard, which we have seen
with our eyes, which we have looked at
and our hands have touched—this we
proclaim concerning the Word of life.

1 JOHN 1:1-7

² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us.

1 JOHN 1:1-7

And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

1 JOHN 1:1-7

⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 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, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 JOHN 1:1-7

The Apostle John began his first epistle in a similar way to the fourth gospel.



As a disciple and eyewitness
John attested to having
fellowship with Jesus.



Fellowship is the communal
life of the saints, with God,
with one another.



FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CHURCH



³ We proclaim to you what we have seen
and heard, so that you also may have
fellowship with us. And our fellowship
is with the Father and with his Son,
Jesus Christ.

1 JOHN 1:3

Fellowship is a communal concept. It is not something a believer can do on their own in isolation. It is about speaking of “we” and “us”.



The apostles functioned as guardians of the faith. Having been with Jesus, they alone were in an authoritative position to validate what was right belief and wrong belief.



I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to hell.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ **built on the foundation of the apostles** and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

EPHESIANS 2:19-20

We join with a family of faith that spans across this age, all who have ever put their faith in Jesus. We join with the testimony of the witnesses found in scripture who are long dead, but still speak.



FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD



⁶ If we claim to have **fellowship with him**
and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and
do not live out the truth.

1 JOHN 1:6

The Father and Son
are the perfect example
of fellowship.



You are in me and I am in you.

JOHN 17:21

The oneness that once
marked their true fellowship
was threatened by twoness.



¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

1 JOHN 3:19-21

²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

1 JOHN 3:19-21

Christians are changed people. We are cautioned about people who claim to know Christ, but have never changed.



“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

JOHN 8:12

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

PSALM 119:105

¹⁴ **“You are the light of the world...**
let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:14; 16

“Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. ³⁶ Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.”

JOHN 12:35-36

“I wanna be in the Light as you are in the light. I wanna shine like the stars in the heavens. Oh, Lord, be my light and be my salvation. 'Cause all I want is to be in the light. All I want is to be in the light.”

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**FELLOWSHIP
WITH ONE
ANOTHER**



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, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 JOHN 1:7

“All of them may be one.”

JOHN 17:21

⁴² They devoted themselves...
to fellowship.

ACTS 2:42

Are you really devoted
to fellowship?



Fellowship requires time,
getting uncomfortable and
breaking barriers.



⁹ James, Cephas and John, those
esteemed as pillars, gave me and
Barnabas the right hand of fellowship.

GALATIANS 2:9

¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss.

ROMANS 16:16

Always do something to
offer fellowship to another
believer; don't do nothing!



²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day,

MATTHEW 7:21-23

‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’
²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

MATTHEW 7:21-23

²⁴ “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

LUKE 13:24-27

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶ “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’”

LUKE 13:24-27

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CHURCH
- 2) FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
- 3) FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER

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