



“Genuine Fellowship and Joy”

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Three important topics in the prologue: (I John 1:1-4)

1. The _____: (v. 1-3)

1. “That which was from the beginning”

- John 1:1-5
- Jesus was in the beginning with God. (John 1:2; I John 1:2 “and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father.”)
- Jesus was _____. (John 1:1,14 “the Word became flesh...”)

2. “Which we have seen with our eyes”

- John was an _____.
- John knew Jesus well.

3. “Which we have looked upon and our hands have handled”

- “looked upon” describes intense _____.
- “handled” describes the type of physical contact as recorded by John after the resurrection.

4. “That which we have seen and heard”

- John was writing to encourage his readers that Jesus was real, that He indeed was God, and that their faith was not futile.
- “The Word of Life” was “manifested” = _____.
- John 14:9 “he who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

Application: Do you know the Word of Life? (I John 5:11-13)
Are you declaring the Word of Life to others?

2. _____: (v.3)

1. John was declaring the Word of Life so that people could experience _____ fellowship.

2. “fellowship” = Greek “koinonia” = “a joint participation”

- Carries the idea of communion, sharing, and partnership.
- Picture “two fellows in a _____.”

- _____ fellowship:

- _____ fellowship:

3. Where does genuine Fellowship begin? In the _____!

- John’s emphasis is first and foremost on having fellowship with God.
- Then “you may also have fellowship with us.”

Application: Are you enjoying great fellowship with God and other believers?

3. _____: (v. 4)

1. John wanted his readers to experience genuine joy.

- “Joy” = Greek “chara” = used to describe both the emotion of happiness or well-being, and a deeper sense of joy and peace, based on faith not circumstances.
- _____ Joy:
- _____ Joy:
- Genuine Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22)
- Genuine Joy is possible even in _____. (Phil. 4:4; Jam. 1:2)
- Genuine Joy is based on a biblical and eternal perspective.
- Genuine Joy is a _____.

2. John wanted his readers to experience joy to the full.

- I John 1:4; II Jn. 1:12; John 15:11; John 16:24
- “full” = a picture of a cup being filled to the brim and staying full to the point of overflowing.

Application: Are you looking for joy in all the wrong places?
Are you letting something or someone steal your joy?

NEXT STEPS?