

**WHY JESUS CAME**  
**To Give Us Life**  
**1 John 1:1-4**

**Three reasons for the incarnation:**

- (1) To give us life
- (2) To take away sins
- (3) To defeat Satan

**Big Idea: Jesus, the word of life, came to restore joyous fellowship.**

**I. Jesus is the word of life (1:1-2).**

**A. The word of life became flesh (v. 1).**

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

**1) Christ's pre-existent glory (vv. 1a, 2c)**

- He was from the beginning (v. 1a).

**John 1:1-2**

1 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.

**John 1:14**

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- He was with the father (v. 2c).

**2) Christ's real humanity (v.1, 2a)**

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2a the life was made manifest, and we have seen it,

**1 Jn. 4:1-3**

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

**B. The word of life gives life (v. 2).**

2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

**1) Jesus reveals life and is the source of eternal life (v. 2c).**

2c and proclaim to you the eternal life

Eternal life is not simply the quantity (how long) but also the quality of the life (how good).

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**2) Five truths about eternal life:**

- (1) It is found exclusively in Jesus (1 John 5:11–12).

11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- (2) It is received by believing in Jesus (John 3:14–16).

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

(3) It is a gift of God's grace (Romans 3:23).

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(4) You can know that you have eternal life now (1 John 5:13).

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

(5) Christ gift of eternal life restores joyous fellowship (John 17:3).

And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

## II. Jesus restores joyous fellowship (1:3-4).

### A. With God (v. 3c)

and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

#### 1) How do we enter the fellowship?

**Cor. 1:9**

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**1 John 5:1**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

#### 2) What are the marks of authentic fellowship?

(1) Pursuit of righteousness (1 John 1:6)

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

- Those born of God practice righteousness (1 John 2:29).
- Those born of God do not practice sinning (1 John 3:9).
- Those born of God do not keep on sinning (1 John 5:18).

(2) Exercise of love (1 John 3:14)

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

- Those born of God love one another (1 John 4:7-8).

(3) Adherence to truth (1 John 5:20)

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

- Those born of God believe that Jesus is the Christ (1 John 5:1).

**1 Jn. 2:19**

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us

### B. With others (v. 3ab)

3ab that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

#### > What are the consequences of forsaking fellowship?

- (1) Place yourself in a vulnerable position to sin, and to be lead astray by Satan.
- (2) Hinder the work of God to encourage others in their pursuit of holiness.
- (3) Suppress the witness of God's love to the world.
- (4) Forfeit the experience of gospel joy.

**3 John. 4**

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

**John 15:11**

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.