

Confident Christian Living #2 | Confidence through Fellowship

1 John 1:1-4 | 05\28\2023

Introduction: The book of 1 John was written by the Apostle John who was called the beloved Apostle. It was John, who under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote, “We Love Him because He first loved us.”

I. The _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ

Note: Normally, people will talk about those who influence them greatly... (i.e political figure, sports hero, entertainer).

A. His _____

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*

B. _____ - verse 2

1 Timothy 3:16 *Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He[fn] was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.*

John 1:14 *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.*

The first and foremost question to ask of any church is “What think ye of Christ” - **All other issues are secondary...**

We believe He is the Alpha and Omega...He is eternally God.

Virgin born, God in the flesh, lived a perfectly sinless life, died voluntarily, securing our salvation by the shedding of His blood, and the resurrection from the dead.

II. The _____ of Fellowship - verse 3

A. His fellowship began with _____ - 5:1

John 3:6-7 *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.*

B. His fellowship continued _____
(fellowship – Koinonia – “to have in common.”)

There is no need for a Christian to experience loneliness.

Don't ever get over the privilege of fellowship with Jesus...

Ephesians 2:18 *For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

III. The _____ of Our Fellowship - verse 4 (Joy)

Joy is the bi-product of fellowship.

Psalm 16:11 *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is **fullness of joy**; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

A. There is joy in _____

Isaiah 12:3 *With **joy** you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

B. There is joy in the _____

Psalm 119:97 *Oh how **I love** your law! It is my meditation all the day.*

Ps. 119:167 *My soul keeps your testimonies; **I love them** exceedingly.*

C. There is joy in _____

1 Thessalonians 2:20 *For you are our glory and **joy**.*

There is no greater joy than helping someone else to be saved.

Conclusion: Joyful, confident living is the result of fellowship with the Lord!