

1 John 1:1-4

1. The Incarnate _____ ([1 John 1:1](#))
 - A. Four clauses that express _____ interaction
 - That which was from the _____
 - Which we have _____
 - Which we have seen with our _____, which we looked upon
 - And have _____ with our hands
 - B. The Word is the creative _____ of God that made the cosmos.
2. The Word of Life
 - A. John's affirmation of the Word comes from _____ experience.
 - B. The manifestation was not only made to John, but to _____ as well.
3. The Word and Fellowship
 - A. Fellowship - κοινωνία (koinōnia) - close mutual _____, share, participation
 - B. The _____ is also with the Father and the Son.
 - C. The benefit of fellowship is _____.

Discussion Questions

1. John begins by emphasizing that he **heard, saw, looked upon, and touched** Jesus. Why do you think he uses all four descriptions instead of simply saying he knew Jesus?
2. Why is the doctrine of the **incarnation** so essential to the Christian faith? What would be lost if Jesus were not truly God and truly man?
3. John bases his message on **personal testimony** rather than philosophical speculation. Why is eyewitness testimony important for our confidence in the gospel?
4. What is the difference between biblical fellowship and simply enjoying social time together with other Christians?
5. John desired unity in the church, but not at the expense of truth. How can a church pursue both doctrinal faithfulness and loving unity?

6. What are some practical ways our church can cultivate deeper fellowship centered on Christ rather than personalities, preferences, or programs?

7. John teaches that our fellowship with one another is rooted in our fellowship with the Father and the Son. Why is this "triangular relationship" essential for lasting unity?