

John was Jesus' most intimate earthly friend. For several years John accompanied Jesus on His journey through the Holy Land watching Him perform miracles confirming His deity and ministering to and with Him. John leaned on Jesus' chest during the disciple's final meal together, hearing and feeling the very heartbeat of God during His final moments. The life of the Lord Jesus Christ was no fairy tale or dream. He was God in a human body and John and the others were eyewitnesses to it all. As we begin this book, we are reminded that John's purpose in writing these things is that we may _____ Jesus Christ as they knew Him.

THE MANIFESTATION OF JESUS CHRIST – 1 John 1:1-4

1. Jesus Christ was From the Beginning – v. 1-2a

- There are things that pre-date God's creation of Heaven and Earth that were "*from the beginning*" of what we know – 1a, Gen. 1:1; 1 Jn. 2:13-14; Ps. 90:2; Is. 48:5-7.

The sinful _____ (1 Jn. 3:8; Jn. 8:44; Is. 14:12-17; Ezek. 28:12-19) =

_____ (Pr. 8:23; Jer. 6:16) =

God's throne (Jer. 17:12) =

Jesus Christ (Jn. 8:58, 17:5, 24; Eph. 3:9; 1 Pet. 1:18-20; Rev. 1:8) =

- The disciples are witnesses to the life of Jesus Christ – Lk. 1:1-2; Acts 1:22-23, 4:20; 1 Tim. 3:15-16.

We heard (2 Pet. 1:16-18) =

We saw with our _____ (Jn. 20:19-21, 29; Rev. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:8) =

We looked upon (Jn. 1:29, 3:14-15; Num. 21:8-9) =

We _____ (Lk. 24:36-39) =

Of the Word of Life (Jn. 6:66-68; 1 Jn. 5:7) =

- God deposited everything into His one and only Son and the closest we ever get to _____ Him until Heaven is our handling of the Word of God – Lk. 24:32; Rev. 19:11-13; Heb. 4:12-13.

2. Jesus Christ was Manifested to be Eternal Life – v. 2b; 1 Jn. 5:13

- He was manifested in this life (humanity) to give us eternal life and so much more – 1 Jn. 3:5, 8; 4:9.
- Jesus Christ is the _____ avenue in this world to eternal life – 1 Jn. 2:25, 5:20; Jn. 5:39, 14:6; Rom. 6:23; Pr. 14:12, 16:25; Matt. 7:13-14.

3. The Manifestation of Jesus Christ in Our Life Brings True Fellowship and Joy – v. 3-4, 7

- Our fellowship is with the early believers, the Father and Son, and one another – 1 Jn. 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11-12; Eph. 2:19-22; Jn. 13:34-35; Ps. 133:1; Php. 2:2-3.

Fellowship (Acts 2:42, 44) =

One on One Discipleship Goal #2

Our spiritual health increases and our growth accelerates as we become friends with other like-minded, mission-oriented _____. Connecting with other believers provides love, support, strength, and accountability in our walk and work for the Lord.

- When we understand these things, true fellowship is established which in turn brings a _____ of joy – 1 Pet. 1:8; Rom. 5:11, 14:17, 15:13; Gal. 5:22; Ps. 95:1; Heb. 12:2; Ja. 1:2-3, 5:13.