

“The Truth About Jesus”
1 John 1:1-4
Sunday Morning Services, December 21, 2012

Love And Giving Is From God – John 3:16

God Gave To The World “The Indescribable Gift”, 2 Corinthians 9:15

Gnostics – Mixture of Greek philosophy, Judaism, Mystery Religions. (New Age)

Gnostics – View of Salvation – Salvation comes through knowledge (gnosis) rather than through faith. (Scientology)

Gnostics – View of Jesus – Jesus only seemed to be flesh and blood.

Gnostics – View of Holiness – Holiness comes through isolation. The flesh is corrupt so it matters not what one does.

John Calls Believers Back To The Truth About Jesus Christ: John 14:6

Thought Of Our Passage: “Jesus Is Eternal, An Historical Reality; Christmas Declares That Jesus Christ Is God Who Came To Us In Flesh”

1. Verse 1 – Affirming – The Word Of Life

2. Verse 2 – Encountering – The Word Of Life

3. Verse 3 – Proclaiming – The Word Of Life

4. Verse 4 – Joy Through – The Word Of Life

1. Verse 1 – Affirming – The Word Of Life:

1 John 1:1

4 Truths About Jesus:

1. Jesus Is Eternal: “What was from the beginning,” – Doctrine of “The Eternality of Jesus Christ”; “Jesus the second person of the trinity had no beginning, He always existed and Jesus has no end, He will always be.”

The Beginning of the Universe (Material): Gen 1:1

Jesus Always Was: John 1:1 Word (Word of Life) – logos – “faculty of reason or thought, the idea of speech or word, expression of a thought”

Jesus was much more than communication for God, John 1:18

John 1:1 – “With God” – (Imperfect tense) means a continuum, “always was and always will be; Face to face, fellowship”

Isaiah 9:6 – “Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”

Daniel 7:9 – “And the Ancient of Days took His seat;”

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Is Eternal – Application: “How do we reassure and comfort our children and ourselves?” Through placing our faith in the Eternal God – Mal 3:6

2. Jesus Was Historical: “What was from the beginning,” – The Beginning of the Christian Experience Is The Historical Jesus!

“What was from the beginning” – John is affirming the Word of Life.

Jude 1:3

Galatians 1:6-7

Jesus Was Historical – Application: People say, “Christianity, the Bible is just tradition, man-made; No, it is Historical/Divine. The Message came from the Eternal God and it is historical facts we can trust in.

3. Jesus Came In The Flesh (Humanity): Truth is based on physical firsthand knowledge by John and the Apostles.

1 John 1:1-2

We Heard Jesus: “what we have heard,” – John 1:14

John 7:46

We Saw Jesus: “what we have seen with our eyes,” – John 20:8

John 20:29

We Touched Jesus: what we beheld and our hands handled; means to grope, to feel after, like a blind man" John 13:23

Luke 24:39

Jesus Came In The Flesh (Humanity) – Application: We have confidence because Jesus Is The Fulfilled Promise – fully flesh and blood, and the Eternal Second Person of the Trinity. 1 Timothy 3:16

4. Jesus Is Fully God (Deity): "concerning the Word of Life—" – John 1:1-3

Matthew 1:23

Col. 1:16-17

Heb 1:1-2

Rev. 4:11

Exodus 3:14

Jesus Is Fully God (Deity) – Application: Only God can forgive sins. Forgiveness is found in the eternal, historical, flesh and blood God, Jesus Christ – 1 John 5:12

2. Verse 2 – Encountering – The Word Of Life:

1 John 1:2

"and the life was manifested' – "to make apparent, to make public"; This is the Doctrine of "The Incarnation of the Son of God"; "The divine nature of the Son was united but not mixed with human nature in one divine Person, Jesus Christ, who was both truly God and truly man; God the Son or the Logos (Word), became flesh by being conceived in the Virgin Mary, being fully God and fully man."

Philippians 2:6-11

1 John 3:5

witness – Greek court of law, "bearing testimony to what one has seen"

“and proclaim to you” – suggests “a commission from Christ with authority”

1 Cor 1:9

Mark of A Genuine Child Of God – Has A Personal Relationship With Jesus Christ: “and was manifested to us”

3. Verse 3 – Proclaiming – The Word Of Life:

1 John 1:3

Mark of A Genuine Child Of God – We Must Have It To Share It: “what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also,”

fellowship – “partnership, participation, communion, sharer, associate, companion, partaker”; Sharing thought and interests together”

1 Corinthians 1:9

Galatians 2:20

4. Verse 4 – Joy Through – The Word Of Life:

1 John 1:4

“so that our joy may be made complete.” – Literally “Only way John would have joy would be for his readers to experience his joy”

“Joy” – “full satisfaction, total fulfillment that can never be lost”, Romans 14:17

1 Thessalonians 5:16 – “Rejoice always;”

Luke 2:10-11

Application:

1. Do I believe in the Eternal, Historical, Physical Son Of God?
2. Do I Have A Personal Testimony Of Jesus Christ?
3. Do I Have A Growing Fellowship With Others That Know Jesus?
4. Do I Have The Joy Of Life?