

## Knowing God Week 1: Revelation of the Word of Life!

- The disciple of Jesus named \_\_\_\_\_ is the author.
- The books of the Bible written by John picture exactly how the Christian life is ordered!

### The Gospel of John

Emphasis: Salvation

Focus: Past history

Christ: Died for us

The Word: Made flesh

### The Epistles of John

Emphasis: Sanctification

Focus: Present experience

Christ: Lives in us

The Word: Made real in us

### The Revelation of John

Emphasis: Glorification

Focus: Future hope

Christ: Comes for us

The Word: Conquering<sup>1</sup>

### Compare and Contrast:

**John 20:30-31 (KJV)** <sup>30</sup> And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: <sup>31</sup> But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**1 John 5:11-13 (KJV)** <sup>11</sup> And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. <sup>13</sup> These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

The Gospel of John was written that men might have life thru \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ!

The Epistle of 1 John was written to do the same, but primarily, that *believers* might \_\_\_\_\_ they have life.

**John believed on Jesus and KNEW Him well.**

**John had a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Christ. Pictured...John 13:20-25**

John was close to Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_. **John was SECURE in the Lord's love.**

He called himself "that disciple whom Jesus loved." John 13:23; 21:7, etc...

### Notice HOW John introduces us to our Creator, Lord and God: Jesus.

The Gospel – the _____: John 1:1-14	The First Epistle – the _____: 1 John 1:1-5
Vs 1: In the beginning – was the WORD	Vs 1: THAT which was from the beginning
Vs 1-4: The WORD – in Him was life	The WORD of life
Vs 4-5: The Life was the Light of men / and the Light shineth	Vs 2: The life was manifested
Vs 9:	
Vs 1-2: The WORD – was with God / was God.	Which (ETERNAL LIFE) was with the Father
Vs 14: (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,)	We have seen it (with eyes/ looked on) (the WORD of life)
Vs 4-5: 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.	Vs 5: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from: Warren W. Wiersbe, *Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament*

## The Eternal Christ

### REVIEW:

Vs 1 presentation -

1 John 1:1-4 <sup>1</sup> That

which was from the beginning,

## The Earthly Christ

which we have heard,  
which we have seen with our eyes,  
which we have looked upon,  
and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

Vs 2 parenthetical -

<sup>2</sup> (For the life  
was manifested,  
and we have seen it,  
and bear witness,  
and shew unto you  
that eternal life,  
which was with the Father,  
and was manifested unto us;)

Vs 3 proclamation -

<sup>3</sup> That  
which we have seen  
and heard  
declare we unto you,

### RESULT:

that ye also may have fellowship with us:  
and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Vs 4 appreciation -

<sup>4</sup> And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

### ***What? What is manifest? What is light? What is this life?***

<sup>5</sup> This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

### **KEY Truths that you must reckon so regarding God.**

1. God, Christ Himself (He is the Word, He is our focus of faith) is our very \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God wants you to be in fellowship (right \_\_\_\_\_) with Him!
3. Jesus wants you to have full \_\_\_\_\_ in knowing Him.
4. God is light! There is NO darkness in Him, period! That means He is good! **John 1:1-14; 3:17-21**

If God is good, that means you can trust Him. Believe God. Trust Him.

Believing that God is light (no darkness in him at all) is the first step to truly OPENING UP YOUR whole mind, heart and soul / your whole life to willingly enter into full relationship with God.