

***“Encountering The Word of LIFE”***

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**1 John - Part 1**

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“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

1 John 5:13 (NIV)

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched — this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.”

1 John 1:1-4 (NIV)

**1. Jesus must be encountered.**

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

1 John 5:11-12 (NIV)

**2. Jesus must be expressed.**

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we **PROCLAIM** concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and **TESTIFY** to it, and we **PROCLAIM** to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

We **PROCLAIM** to you what we have seen and heard.”

1 John 1:1-3 (NIV)

**Christianity is to be proclaimed,  
NOT kept private.**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NIV)

“We write this to make our joy complete.” 1 John 1:4 (NIV)

“But Peter and John replied, ‘Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.’”

Acts 4:19-20 (NIV)

“and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.” 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NIV)

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

Colossians 4:5-6 (NIV)

**3. Jesus must be experienced.**

“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.” 1 John 1:3 (NIV)

“so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5 (NIV)

“I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.” Philemon 1:4-6 (NIV)

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