

JOHN BEGINS HIS EPISTLE WITH A PROCLAMATION OF THE APOSTOLIC MESSAGE HE PROCLAIMS THE PREEXISTENCE AND THE GENUINE HUMANITY OF CHRIST V1 WHAT WAS FROM THE BEGINNING WHAT WE HAVE SEEN WITH OUR EYES WHAT WE HAVE LOOKED AT AND TOUCHED WITH OUR HANDS CONCERNING THE WORD OF LIFE REFERRING TO JESUS

IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 1:1-2 JOHN HAD REVEALED JESUS AS THE WORD OF GOD WHO WAS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD AND WAS GOD

THE APOSTLES WERE EYEWITNESSES TO THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS JOHN SAYS WHAT THEY HAVE SEEN WITH THEIR EYES THEIR TEACHINGS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH EPH 2:20 CHRIST HIMSELF BEING THE CORNER STONE

JESUS SAID IT LIKE THIS JOHN 14:9 HE WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST HEB 1:2-3

THE BOTTOM LINE IS IF YOU DON'T KNOW JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR YOU DON'T KNOW GOD AS YOUR FATHER

V2 GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO US THROUGH HIS SON JOHN AND THE APOSTLES CAME TO KNOW GOD THE FATHER THROUGH GOD THE SON SO THEY PROCLAIMED TO US ETERNAL LIFE WHICH WAS WITH THE FATHER AND WAS MANIFESTED TO THEM

V3 AS EYEWITNESSES THE APOSTLES TAUGHT THE HUMANITY AND THE DIETY OF JESUS HE BEING BOTH FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN THEIR FELLOWSHIP WAS WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON THEIR MESSAGE WAS RELIABLE THEIR MESSAGE DID NOT CHANGE THOUGH THE ANTI CHRIST DENIED THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST

V4 THE APOSTLES JOY CAME FROM KNOWING AND PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FATHER AND THE SON TO OTHERS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE FELLOWSHIP IN THE TRUTH JOHN 8:32

1JOHN 2:18-21 I HAVE NOT WRITTEN TO YOU BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW THE TRUTH BUT BECAUSE YOU DO KNOW IT AND BECAUSE NO LIE IS OF THE TRUTH THE APOSTLES TAUGHT THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS AND THE ANTI CHRIST TAUGHT LIES ABOUT JESUS

THE EPISTLE OF 1 JOHN REINFORCES THE TRUTH TAUGHT BY THE APOSTLES AND EXPOSES THE LIES OF THE ANTI CHRIST WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS

JOHN WARNS US TO TEST THE SPIRITS 1 JOHN 4:1-2 TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE FROM GOD BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD

JOHN GIVES FOUR REASONS FOR WRITING THE EPISTLE THE FIRST IS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE JOY 1JOHN 1:4 HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST IN THE TRUTH

THE SECOND REASON JOHN GIVES IS THAT WE MIGHT NOT SIN 1JOHN 2:1-2 THE PENALTY OF SIN IS TAKEN CARE OF WHEN THE SINNER TRUSTS IN CHRIST BUT THE POWER OF SIN OVER DAILY LIFE IS ANOTHER MATTER 1 JOHN EXPLAINS HOW WE CAN HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN

THE THIRD REASON IS THAT WE MIGHT OVERCOME ERROR 1JOHN 2:26 JOHN WAS FACING THE FALSE TEACHING OF HIS DAY JUST AS WE FACE THE FALSE TEACHERS OF OUR DAY

THE FOURTH REASON IS THAT WE MIGHT HAVE ASSURANCE 1JOHN 5:13 IN THIS EPISTLE JOHN TELLS US HOW TO EXAMINE OUR FELLOWSHIP AND SONSHIP BEING SURE THAT WE ARE SAVED THE LETTER IS A SERIES OF TESTS THAT CHRISTIANS CAN USE TO EXAMINE THEIR FELLOWSHIP AND THEIR SONSHIP

JOHN GIVES THREE BASIC TESTS OBEDIENCE WALKING IN THE LIGHT LOVE WALKING IN LOVE AND TRUTH WALKING IN THE TRUTH IF I AM OBEYING HIS WORD AND HAVE A LOVE FOR HIM AND HIS PEOPLE AND IF I BELIEVE AND KNOW THE TRUTH I CAN ENJOY CHRISTIAN LIFE TO THE FULLEST

JOHN 8:32 YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE