

Encountering the Word of Life

Series – A Study of I John

– I John 1:1-4 –

1. Jesus Must Be Encountered

* Christianity is based on FACT, not FICTION.

2. Jesus Must Be Expressed

* Christianity is to be PROCLAIMED, not KEPT PRIVATE.

3. Jesus Must Be Experienced

* Christianity is a FELLOWSHIP, not a SOLO ACT.

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Compare vs. 1 with Gen. 1:1 and John 1:1. List the similarities you see.
3. Why does John use so many verbs involving the five senses? Compare this to John 20:29 & 2 Peter 1:16-19. Why is it important to base our faith on the biblical revelation of Jesus?
4. In what ways are you qualified to serve as a witness even though you haven't *physically* seen Jesus?
5. "True Christianity is an experience rooted in revelation and realized in relationship – with God and with other believers." Agree or Disagree? Why?
6. How are you experiencing the fellowship with God and other Christians that John describes?
7. Compare John 15:11 with I John 1:4. How has your salvation contributed to your joy? What are your three greatest challenges for living a *daily joyous* life?

