

Fellowship With The Father

1 John 1:1-4

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1. What does *true* living look like? It's not performance, renown, fame, or wealth because those don't reach the deepest parts of us.
2. When the emphasis, the invitation, and the consequence come together, we get the biblical picture of true living.
3. The thing that everything else is connected to in this passage, the emphasis, is the Word of Life, Jesus.
4. If we want to talk about true living, we need to understand the Word of Life, the absolute fullness of life.
5. John personally encountered Jesus personally. He heard Him, saw Him, looked upon Him, and touched Him with his hands.
6. The Life that John is emphasizing is Jesus Himself. He is the life, and the life is inside of Him.
7. The life was manifested to the Apostles, and they have seen, testify, and proclaim the eternal life.
8. The Apostles were given special authority to proclaim where the fullness of life is found.
9. The purpose of the Gospel is not to get to a place, but to get to a relationship. The invitation is for fellowship.
10. Christian fellowship is a living bond built on the experience of Jesus.
11. Fellowship with God is walking in the light. True living is not shoving sin down and hoping it goes away, but giving it to God and trusting Him.
12. Our fellowship with God is seen in our fellowship with other believers.
13. The outcome of fellowship is joy, joy that grows as other people come to know Jesus and adore what we adore.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

zōé [life] the condition of living or the state of being alive; especially healthiness, happiness, exuberance, energy, vitality, and the like.

Phaneróō manifested [to reveal, show]

koinonia fellowship, communion, sharing, participation

QUOTES

“the absolute fulness of life, both essential and ethical, which belongs to God...”

-Joseph Thayer

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Thank You Jesus
How Great Thou Art
God of Wonders

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

True Living: When we accept Christ as our Savior, we become new creatures (2 Cor 5:17). How would you have defined “true living” before you became a Christ follower? How would you define true living now? What keeps you from enjoying a life of true living and what changes can you make to achieve a Biblical picture of true living?

Word of Life: Our culture often tolerates vague descriptions of faith, God, prayer, heaven and angels. However, using the Name of Jesus often brings a different response. The passage today leaves no room to separate Jesus from the Word which is Life. Read the following verses and note what it declares: John 1:4, John 14:6-7, John 5:39-40. Understanding this important revelation gave the apostles confidence to testify and proclaim as if commissioned. Why should it also give us confidence to use His Name? How can this truth help keep us focused on a relationship with Jesus rather than works?

Fellowship with God: The sermon shares that the purpose of the Gospel is to draw us to a relationship so that we may enjoy fellowship with the Father and Son (1 Jn 1:3). It also stated that fellowship with God is displayed in the way we like what God likes and hate what God hates, namely sin. Share an example of an event, or a person who reflects a life of fellowship with the Father well. How has this example encouraged you?

Fellowship with Christians: The message describes true Christian fellowship as a living bond built on the experience of Jesus. How does it differ from other relationships? Describe how you think a group of believers should support and care for each other—what practical way should they show love, serve and encourage one another. Why do you think people fail to engage with other believers in this way? What light does 1 John 1:6-9 offer about fellowship? Is it possible to truly love Jesus and yet have no interest in fellowship with others?

True Joy: The consequence of divine fellowship and a relationship with the Word of Life sets our affections on the well-being of others. How might practicing Matt 6:21 help you develop a greater interest in or compassion for others? This week: reflect on what brings you joy and change your “investment” strategy, if necessary.