

The Christian's Foundation: Love and Truth

Lesson 1: The Word of Life – 1 John 1:1 – 4

INTRODUCTION:

Today's lesson will focus on the introduction of the first truth in the book of 1 John: The Word of life. The Word of life is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Then we will see the declaration of that truth explained.

I. The Word of Life _____ : Verse 1

Verse 1: "That which was from the beginning, 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;"

A. What we have _____ : *Matthew 5:1 -2, Mark 4:33:*

B. What we have _____ : *Matthew 4:18 – 22, John 19:25 – 27*

C. What we have _____ : *Mark 9;2, Matthew 26:36 – 37, John 13:23, Romans 16:16, Genesis 24:2 – 4*

II. The Word of Life _____ : **Verses 3 – 4**

Verses 3 – 4 “(3) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. (4) And these things write we unto you, that your joy maybe full.”

A. We can have fellowship with _____ :
1 Corinthians 1:9, Romans 8:28

B. We can have fellowship with _____ :
Acts 2:42, Galatians 2:9

C. We can have _____ : ***Romans 5:11, John 16:22, Acts 13:52, Acts 20:24***

CONCLUSION and APPLICATIONS:

- We see the first truths taught here in the book of 1 John
- The first truth: The Word of Life is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We have detailed accounts that He was real and not a spirit.
- The second truth: The Word of Life is declared to the world.
- The three declarations: We can have fellowship with God, with other saints, and we can have full joy that is complete.

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Text: John 1:6 – 37

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II. The Soul Winner’s Testimony (Vs. 41).

A. It was a spoken (vs. 41a; Mark 5:19).

B. It was a simple (vs. 41b; Acts 8:4).

C. It was a sure (vs. 41b; 9:25; I John 5:13).

D. It was a sanctified (vs. 41; Acts 8:29-35).

III. The Soul Winner’s Triumph (Vs. 42; 4:39-42).

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