

Wednesday in the Word

Digging Deeper

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1 John 1:1-5

To Whom Shall We Go?

Jesus is the full focus of the whole Word of God; He shows up on every page. In First John we see Him clearly displayed as the interactive, physical manifestation of the very Word of Life; the literal demonstration of all that God is. 1:1. God is Life. He did not simply create a universe full of beauty. He did so to place living beings into their perfect habitation and to be their eternal destination. John will show us that Jesus is our Advocate to represent us before God, our Holy Judge. 2:1. He is the Propitiation for our sin. The only weight heavy enough to offset the scales laden with our iniquity. 2:2. Jesus is the Destroyer of the works of the devil. 3:8. He is Love. 4:8-9. Jesus is our Indwelling God. 4:12-16. He is the Source of our overcoming the world. 5:4-5. Dear Christian... What are your struggles in life? Can you not see that all the answers you crave are contained in no one or no thing beside the fantastic Perfect Eternal Being of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:1-6 KJVS

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; [2] (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) [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 may be full. [5] This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Let's Dig in. John opens his letter in 1:1 showing us the very tangible human that Jesus was and is. Notice the Grand Opening of his first letter in John 1:1-13 and his consolidation of it in verse 14. Consider such Power, Wisdom and Glory condensed into a mortal entity. All the world's religions attempt to seize this miracle for themselves. Men daring to claim to become gods for vainglory. Eternal God became man to humble Himself in a cruel execution to raise us all to share His Glory. Philippians 2:5-11. Further, John confirms that he and the disciples have beheld the humanity of Jesus as well as witnessing His Glory. 2 Peter 1:16, Luke 24:39-40, John 20:27-28. Luke 24:13-32. These students of His studied under Him for over three years in His humanity but also experienced Him in His Resurrected Wonder. In 1 John 1:2, John makes the most important connection between Jesus' early manifestation and the purpose of His coming. Jesus IS Eternal Life. We do not merely gain the gift of eternal life for ourselves. We gain Christ and all that He is! Philippians 1:20-21, John 14:6, 1 Timothy 3:16. Verse 3 of today's text is a larger statement than many would recognize. It is understandable to portray our Holy God as untouchable, unapproachable, even impossibly distant but John here makes the boldest possible statement that we are lovingly invited to fellowship with the Lord; to dine at His table. How dare we presume such a thing! How might we interpret the following?; 2 Samuel 4:4, 2 Samuel 9:1-13. Through Christ we attain a true friendship with God. Our only requirement is faith. James 2:23. Again, what troubles you? Believe God! Consider Jesus' prayer for us. John

17:20-24. This is what God thinks of you! Verse 4... Is your joy full? Compare John 16:19-24, 15:11 and Psalm 16:11. Finally in verse 5 we find the Message of Light. The Greek word for 'angel' is 'messenger'. The angels are the "worker bees" of Heaven and their chief message is to share and glorify the God of Light. Jesus Christ. Luke 2:8-14 "Lights please..." John 1-9, 8:12. Can Life, Hope and Joy be found in any person or religion? To Whom shall we go? John 6:66-69.