

Witness
Love, John
1 John 1:1-4

Verse: 1 John 1:1

Homework: 1 John 1

Author: John, the beloved disciple; One of the three closest followers of Jesus!

- Author of the Gospel of John, 1-3 John, & Revelation

Recipients: The Churches in and around Ephesus at the end of the 1st Century (late 90's).

Issues:

- Incipient Gnosticism – Lawless living is compatible with spiritual maturity.
- Docetism – Jesus only seemed to be fully human while being fully God.
- Cerinthianism – Proto-gnostic Teacher (False Gospel!)

Purpose:

- Right Loving! – Loving one another
- Right Living! – Keeping the commandments
- Right Thinking! – Belief in the full deity and humanity of Jesus

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- Witness to the Word of Life! 1
 - That which was from the beginning...(See Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-2)
 - John vividly describes perceiving this person with his senses – Heard, seen, looked, and touched! (See John 19:26; John 20:25; 27-28; John 21:9,12)
 - The Word of life! (See John 1!)
- The life appeared – (See above: The Word of Life) 2
 - Appeared = Manifested, Revealed, Shown to be true
 - We have seen it and testify to it – There are witnesses who can speak to the appearance and existence of this Word/ Life!
 - I Corinthians 15:5-6 – Post-resurrection appearance to more than 500 at the same time.
- We proclaim to you! 3
 - Purpose: Fellowship/ Koinonia/ Close association & mutual relations.
- Compelled by JOY! 4

Key: Can I get a witness?

- What do you proclaim?

Application:

- What has Jesus done in your life?