

A Journey Through First John (Pt. 2) 1 John 1:1-4

Introduction:

- Who decided what books belonged in the Bible?
- 4 issues considered:
 - 1.) Content: Was the content of the book _____ with the rest of Scripture?
 - 2.) Universality: Was the book well _____ and used by the early church?
 - 3.) Inspiration: Did the book bear the mark of being _____ by God?
 - 4.) Apostolicity: Was the book written by an _____ or by a close associate?
- John had the privilege of being an eyewitness of Jesus' life and ministry.

John's Description of the "Word of Life":

I. The Word of Life is E _____ (v1)

- 3 Ways Scripture Affirms the Deity of Christ:
 - 1.) Jesus is _____ God.
 - John 1:1
 - John 1:14
 - 2.) Jesus is called the _____ of God.
 - John 5:17-18.
 - 3.) Jesus' use of the "_____ " statements.
 - John 8:52-58

II. The Word of Life is A _____ (v1-2)

- In this section, John points out the h _____ of Jesus Christ.
- The fact that John affirmed Jesus' actual humanness is significant for at least two reasons:
 - 1.) It is significant because _____ denied the humanity of Jesus.
 - 2.) It is significant because many people today doubt the actual _____ of Jesus.

III. The Word of Life is R _____ (v3)

- Read v3.
- As a result of his intimate knowledge of and relationship with Jesus, John bore witness of the _____.
- The number one key to effective evangelism is a g _____, i _____, t _____ relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Philippians 3:10

- One of the reasons John wrote his epistle was to provide a richer _____
for true, Christian fellowship.
- What is fellowship?
- What does fellowship assume?

IV. The Word of Life is J_____ (v4)

- True biblical joy comes by realizing these three truths:
 - 1.) Joy is the byproduct of _____ Christ.
 - 2.) Joy is the byproduct of _____ with other believers.
 - 3.) Joy is the byproduct of _____ true doctrine.

Conclusion:

- Are you experiencing joy today?