

1 John 1:1-4
“An Invitation to Joy”

Introduction

Many of the same parallels between 1 John and Gospel of John:

- **Christ vs. antichrists**
- **light vs. darkness**
- **truth vs. falsehood**
- **righteousness vs. sin**
- **love of the Father vs. love of the world**
- **the Spirit of God vs. the spirit of the Antichrist**
- **right and a wrong**

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- Key words and phrases
 - Love, loves, loved, 49x – of God, Father 17, others 15, loving God 9
 - God 57x
 - Knowing/knowledge/knows 37x
 - Son of God 23x
 - Sin 21x
 - Commandment(s) 14x
 - Written (in various forms – referring to Scripture) 13x
 - Jesus 11x
 - Believe/ belief 10x
 - HS 7x
 - Born of God 6x

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Suggested Outline

- 1:1-4 -the truth of Christ
- 1:5-2:14 – how belief translates to the way we live
- 2:15-27 – our relationship with those outside the church
- 2:28-5:21 – exhortation to love one another and shine the light of God.

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Epistle Key Verse

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may [continue to] believe in the name of the Son of God.

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Chapter Key Verse

1 John 1:3

that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship [is] with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Vv 1-2

The Center of our
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2 Peter 1:16

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

Vv 1-2 The Center of Our Relationship: Jesus Christ

The Word of Life

*Logos: (Greek: “word,” “reason,” or “plan”)
in ancient Greek philosophy and early Christian theology,
the divine reason implicit in the cosmos, ordering it and
giving it form and meaning.*

Vv 1-2 The Center of Our Relationship: Jesus Christ

The Word of Life

The idea of the Logos – of the Word – was important for John and for the Greek and Jewish worlds of his day.

For the Jew, God was often referred to as the Word because they knew God perfectly revealed Himself in His Word.

For the Greek, their philosophers had spoken for centuries about the Logos – the basis for organization and intelligence in the universe, the Ultimate Reason which controls all things. - Guzik

Vv 1-2 The Center of Our Relationship: Jesus Christ

Jesus is Eternal Life

John 6:48 "I am the bread of life."

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

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Koinonia

*Now all who believed were together
and had all things in common.*

- Acts 2:44

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Koinonia

“Those who have a fellowship one with another, are those who share the same resources, and are bound by the same responsibilities. The idea becomes almost overwhelming when it is thus applied to the relationship which believing souls bear to the Father, and to His Son Jesus Christ... The Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and all believers have all things in common. All the resources of each in the wondrous relationship are at the disposal of the others. Such is the grace of our God, and of His Son.”

- (G. Campbell Morgan as quoted by Guzik)

V 4

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John 15:11

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 16:24

Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 17:13

But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

MEDITATION VERSE

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BENEDICTION

2 John 1:3

*Grace, mercy, [and] peace will be with you from
God the Father and from the Lord Jesus
Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.*