

“The Word of Life is Jesus”

I John 1:1-4

I. The Word of Life is revealed (v. 1)

A. Jesus is the Eternal God

“Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.” (John 17:5)

B. Jesus is God revealed

1. His words were heard
2. His miracles were seen
3. His glory was carefully examined

“We did not invent cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” (2 Peter 1:16)

4. His flesh was touched

“The Word became flesh and live for a while among us.” (John 1:14)

II. The Word of Life has appeared (v. 2)

A. Jesus was sent by the Father

B. Jesus is eternal life

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

C. Jesus is the appearance of eternal life

D. Jesus is the eternal life experienced

“I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me will live even though he dies.” (John 11:25)

III. The Word of Life proclaimed (v. 3)

A. The disciples witnessed the Word of Life

B. Their witness gives us reason to believe

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31)

C. Their witness shows us the reality of fellowship

1. We can have fellowship with God

“God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.” (I Corinthians 1:9)

2. We can have fellowship with each other

IV. The Word of Life brings joy (v. 4)

A. Knowing Jesus brings joy

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.” (1 Peter 1:8)

B. Sharing Jesus completes our joy

“For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:20)