

# The Introductory Summary of 1 John

## 1 John: The Signs of Life

### 1:1-2:2 Summary ("Fellowship")

- 1:1-4, Objective: Fellowship
- 1:5-2:2, Obstacle: Sin

### 2:3-5:12, Exposition ("Know")

#### 2:3-28, First Cycle

- :3-6, Righteousness
- :7-17, Love
- :18-28, Belief

#### 2:29-4:6, Second Cycle

- 2:29-3:10a, Righteousness
- 3:10b-24a, Love
- 3:24b-4:6, Belief

#### 4:7-5:12, Third Cycle

- 4:7-5:1, Love and Belief
- 5:2-5, Love, Righteousness, and Belief
- 5:6-12, Witnesses to Love, Righteousness, and Belief

### 5:13-22, Closing Summary and Exhortation

## Fellowship and Eternal Life

Jhn 17:3 And this is **life eternal**, that they might **know thee** the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

## Comparing John 1:1-5 with 1 John 1:1-3

1 John 1:1-3	John 1:1-5
:1,3 that which (the life)	:3,4 him (the Person)
:1 from the beginning	:1,2 in the beginning
:1 the Word (of life)	:1 the Word
:1, 2 that eternal life	:4 in him was life
:2 life manifested (2x)	:4-5 life is light that shines
:2,3 we have seen and bear witness	:5 darkness does not comprehend

# Ears, Eyes, Hands, Mouth

Isa 33:15 He that walketh righteously, and **speaketh** uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his **hands** from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his **ears** from hearing of blood, and shutteth his **eyes** from seeing evil;



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## The Tangible Word of Life

1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that **Jesus Christ is come in the flesh** is of God:

## The life was manifested

John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And **the light shineth** in darkness

## We have seen and bear witness

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and **his own received him not.**

# The Life that was With the Father

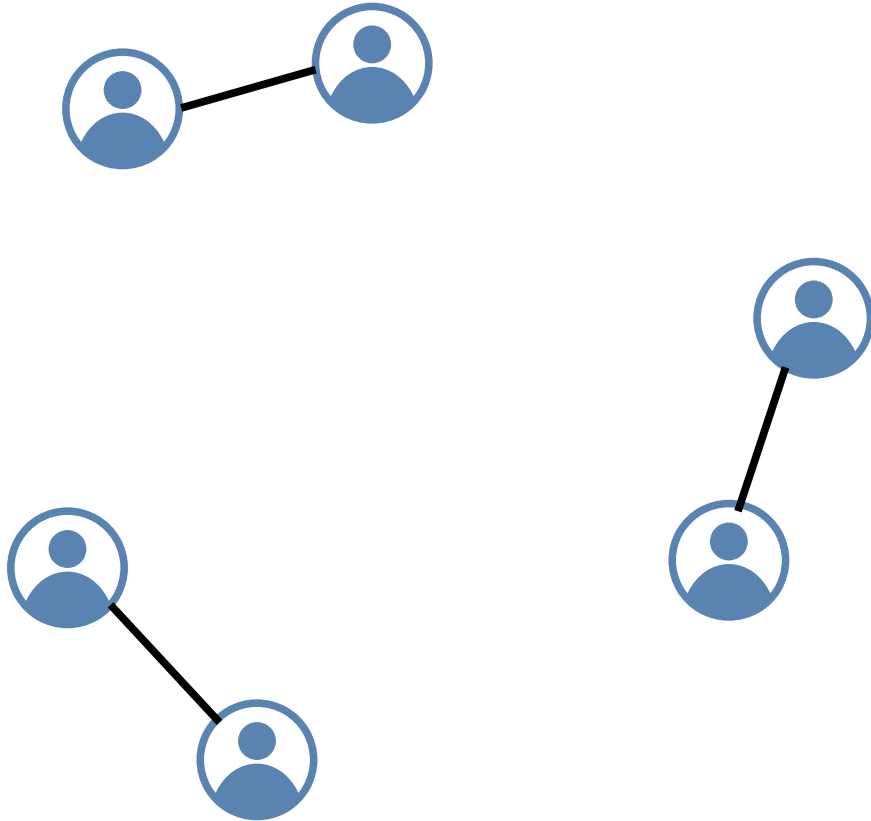
Pro 8:22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. 27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: 30 **Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;** 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

## Why the Trinity?

1 John 4:8, 16 God is love  
Psa 103:17 But the mercy  
τῶν of the LORD is **from everlasting to everlasting**  
upon them that fear him,  
and his righteousness unto  
children's children;

# How to have Fellowship with Other Believers

“Have fellowship with each other”



“Have fellowship with **Joe**”



Have fellowship with the Father (as the Lord Jesus does)  
→ have fellowship with others who are having fellowship with him

1 John 1:2-3

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.

Can you state one of John's purposes for telling about Jesus Christ?



# Jesus vs. Jesus Christ

	Gospel of John	1 John
“Jesus” alone	250 (99%)	0 (0%)
Jesus + title (Christ, Son of God)	3 (1%)	12 (100%)

## What Changed?

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.** 9 Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name**: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ** is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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## Fulness of Joy

John 3:29 (John the Baptist) He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this **my joy therefore is fulfilled**.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that **your joy may be full**.

John 17:13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Jhn 15:9 **As** the Father hath **loved** me, **so** have I **loved** you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall **abide** in my love; **even as** I have kept my Father's commandments, and **abide** in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that **my joy** might remain in you, and that **your joy** might be full.