



Sermon Outline
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The Word
Of Life
1 John 1:1-4

What's this series all about?

** In a world filled with spiritual darkness, confusion and uncertainty, 1 John offers a clear and bold call to walk in the light of God's truth and live in the power of His love.*

_____ in Light, _____ in Love

*** Walking in light is choosing to live in the light of God's _____.**

*** Living in love is being able to _____ others because you've been _____ by God.**

Theme Verse: 1 John 5:13 - I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

What do we know about John?

* He was a _____ on the Sea of Galilee, and worked with his father, Zebedee, and brother, James.

* John and James were called by Jesus and immediately left their nets to follow Him.

* They became known as the "_____" for their fiery zeal.

* Together with Peter and James, John became part of Jesus' inner circle, present at key events.

* He was an _____ to the empty tomb, outrunning Peter to get there.

* He's credited with authoring five New Testament books. The Gospel of John, 1, 2, 3 John and Revelation.

* He was _____ under Emperor Domitian to the island of Patmos, where he received the Revelation, and likely died around AD 98–100 as the last surviving apostle.

1 John 1:1 - That which was from **the beginning**, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the **Word of Life**.

Who's the Word of Life?

** Christianity is not _____. It's grounded in the reality of Jesus Christ.*

Genesis 1:1 - **In the beginning** God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1 & 14a - **In the beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

*** Jesus is fully _____ and fully _____.**

** Sometimes people dismiss faith as just "feelings" or "opinions." John begins by declaring of Jesus: we saw Him, we heard Him, we touched Him.*

*** The Gospel rests on _____, not fables.**

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*** Satan would like you to believe that you're either too _____ to need God, or that you're too _____ for God.**

The greatest distance a person travels in life is 18 inches, the distance from the head to the heart. - Ashanti Branch

*** Five times John identifies himself as:**
The disciple Jesus loved.

*** Far too many _____ love God but don't really trust in their hearts that He loves _____.**