1st,2nd,3rd John (Sun) -1

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INTRODUCTION

- It is very widely held because of the nature of the material of first John that John is dealing with a prevalent first century false doctrine, and that is Gnosticism.
- John is protecting faith because it has come under assault or attack.
- There's an emphasis in 1 John about strengthening the reader's commitment to what they already knew.

1 The Word of Life Was Real

1 John 1:1–2; John 1:1

- What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled concerning the word of life.
- The reason why he probably begins it this way is because of the Gnostics who question the incarnation.
- We saw it, we heard it, we touched it, the sensory perception. And so he's saying, this is real. Jesus was real.

2 Who Is the We? Eyewitnesses

2 Peter 1:16–17

- For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you.
- And we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.
- The we definitely represents the apostles, but could also represent a larger group of eyewitnesses than just the apostles.
- There were a multitude of eyewitnesses to the life of Jesus.

3 Jesus Is the Incarnate Word

John 6:68; John 1:4–5

- And again, against the backdrop of Gnosticism, the point is, Jesus is the incarnate word.
- So he was a vessel, a conduit for God's word. He spoke the gospel of the kingdom.
- He embodied the message that he preached, He embodied it. He lived it. He was a perfect beacon of light.
- He is the way or the means or access to eternal life.

4 Fellowship: A Mutual Commitment to a Common Purpose

1 John 1:3–4; 2 Corinthians 8

- It's a mutual commitment to a common purpose.
- That's a warning to us that what people believe matters, and we need to align ourselves with people who believe true things about the Lord, who speak consistently with the message of the apostles.
- We are in fellowship even when we're unassembled, because we are the people of God.
- Our fellowship needs to be identified. We need to know who the fellowship involves.
- Joy ought to be a natural result of our fellowship with God and his people.

5 God Is Light: Walking in the Light

1 John 1:5–7; Psalm 119:105; 1 John 2:1–2

- That God is the standard of what is good and right and light, or there is no fellowship.
- You cannot walk in darkness and be pleasing to the Lord and have fellowship with him or his people.
- If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, cleanses us from all sin.
- The idea of walk it's not about a misstep, is it? If we make a misstep, we can correct our course.
- The point John is making is no, your spirit's affected by what you do in the flesh.
- Sin is rooted in rebellion. And if rebellion is not involved, then it's just a it's a growth issue probably.

MY NOTES