

# Christmas: The Life Was Made Manifest

## 1 John 1:1-4

### **What life is John talking about?**

It was from the beginning (v.1)

It is eternal (v.2)

It was with the Father (v.2)

That means the life is Jesus Christ — 1 John 5:12

### **How did John know this life was real?**

It's because this life was made manifest — made real, visible, and tangible.  
John 1:1-14 tells us when that happened — in the birth of Jesus.

John heard this life with his own ears  
Saw this life with his own eyes  
Touched this life with his own hands (Luk 24:39)

So we don't need to rely on human opinions about what life is all about — God has shown us in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### **What does it mean to have this life?**

It means having fellowship with God the Father and Jesus the Son.

Fellowship means sharing in experienced relationship with the Father and Jesus.

Christianity is not just agreeing to truths about God and Jesus — Christianity is experiencing the presence of God and Jesus.

That's what this life is about.

### **Why does John tell us about this life?**

Because he wants us to experience this life (v.3).

How? By confessing our sin to Jesus, and by trusting Jesus as our void-filling Treasure.

Because he wants to increase his own experience of this life (v.4)



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

*(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)*

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

What besides Jesus do you seek life in?

How much do you experience the life of fellowship with God the Father and Jesus the Son? What could you do to experience this more?

Do you settle for agreeing-to-truths about Jesus — or do you press in to experience-the-presence of Jesus?

Who can you seek to draw into your fellowship with Jesus this Christmas season?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

