

1 John: The Letter

- **Author:** *John the Apostle*
- **Date:** *60-90AD*
- **From:** *An older apostle to a confused church*
 - ~Jesus wasn't a real person
 - ~Eternal life is Knowledge
 - ~Knowing, Talking, Telling is enough
- **To:** *Church in Ephesus*
- **Purpose:** *To set the record straight, get them on track*
- **Theme:** *"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." 1Jn 5:13*

1 John: Real Life!

**4 Things You Need To Know About Eternal
Life**

1 John 1:1-4

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You Can Know You Have Eternal Life

"The life appeared..." vs 2

Appeared: Lit = to make known what already exists'

to reveal;

to show;

to help to be seen and understood

God Reveals Life To Us In 3 Ways

~General/Natural Revelation: *"That which was from the beginning" "...what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made..."*
Rom 1:19-20

~Specific Revelation: *"we proclaim the Word of Life"*
"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." John 6:63

~Incarnational Revelation: *"What we have seen, heard, looked at"*
"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

You Can Personally Experience Eternal Life

- *We heard him*
- *Seen with our eyes*
- *Hands touched*
- *Looked upon*

1 John 2:3-6

We Are Called To Share Eternal Life

- *Proclaim:* *to announce in a public way; to share great news*
- *Testify:* *to be a witness; to bear record, to report and give personal testimony to the facts*
- *Write:* *to record, to put down on paper*

Having Eternal Life Brings Joy

- *I have joy because I know Him*
- *I have joy when I share what I know with you*
- *I have joy when you get it...and our hearts are knit together*
- *You have joy when you understand what life is*
- *You have joy when YOU share what you know!*
- *...the joy multiplies and continues*

Do YOU Know You Have Life?

Do you KNOW Him?

Have you personally Experienced Him

Have you seen, heard, watched, shared Him?

Do you WANT to Know Him today?