



SERIES: CHRISTIAN CERTAINTIES
"INTRODUCTION TO 1ST, 2ND & 3RD JOHN"
TEXT: 1ST JOHN 1:1-4
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Kick Starters...

1. What is one of the first things you can remember learning about God from the Bible? How did you respond to that at the time?
2. Why is learning such a critical part of being a Christian? How does learning assist us in our walk with Christ?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. What did early Christians do to deal with so many false gods during the early the early church?
5. Much of John's writing is very black/white using contrasts and similarities. How do you personally deal with that in helping you to better understand life as a Christian?
6. How heavy is the weight of desired cultural inclusivism in order to allow ourselves to feel wanted, valued, and accepted?
7. Why is it important to realize that the message of salvation never changes? Does that affect our approach in sharing that message with others 2,000 years later?
8. John saw Jesus personally. Does that add to his testimony? If so, how does it do so?
9. Read 1st John 1:4 together. What does John's use of the word "joy" mean compared to the world's use of the word "joy?" (hint: response of the soul because it is found in a Person, not a thing or event)

Execute the text

10. Augustine, the early church father said, "Our heart is restless until it rests in you [Lord]." Christ is the answer to your life's need to be filled and satisfied. Only fellowship with God himself eliminates our spiritual loneliness—we can know God and know fulfillment in him!

I. Introduction

"How does this apply to my life?" Let me get you started—it explains with great clarity that Jesus came to earth as the Son of God to reestablish a broken relationship with our Creator.

II. Background for Context

- a. Great change in the Greco-Roman culture
- b. The Word of God is to be taught clearly for understanding

III. From the Beginning Forward (vv. 1-4)

- a. Salvation's message never changes
- b. The fellowship of life

IV. Conclusion

Please think seriously with me about life's purpose and meaning. It makes sense, does it not, that only the Creator can unlock the meaning and the purpose of life.