

Firm Foundation

1 John 1:1-4

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¹ What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—² and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—³ what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.⁴ These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

Experience, Manifestation, Proclamation Leads to Genuine Fellowship

I. The Apostle's Experience is His Evidence

1. John provides historical facts to validate his claim

A. John intends to fight false teachers with facts.

B. Jesus' teaching, life/miracles and resurrection

C. Christ is the truth and source of life

- Know Jesus, Know Life. No Jesus, No Life

II. Divine Revelation is the Basis of a Believer's Testimony

1. God has revealed himself through Christ the Son

Testify- to confirm something based on firsthand knowledge

Proclaim- to make something known publicly

A. We must recognize the revelation

B. We must tell others about the revelation

C. Through belief in what God has revealed through Christ, we receive eternal life

- How we respond to the revelation dictates our eternal destination

D. The Gospel is the core of every believer's testimony

Who Christ is à What He has done

2. Shared belief is the basis of Christian fellowship

A. Faith in Christ ties us together with God and other believers

B. Our relationship and fellowship with God is based on what He has done

III. True Joy is Found in Christ