

WEEK 4: THE RIGHT VIEW OF JESUS CHRIST
1 JOHN 1:1-4

I. JESUS AND THE MESSAGE IS ETERNAL

- A. 1 ¶ **That which** was from the beginning . . . 2 . . . **the eternal life**, which was with the Father . . . 3 **that** which we have seen
- B. **Repeating for emphasis,**
1. Person of Jesus Christ and the message of Jesus “**was from the beginning**”
 2. Now been revealed in the incarnate Jesus Christ and truth of the gospel which was from the beginning.
 3. *John 14:6* Jesus said to him, "I am the **way**, and the **truth**, and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through me.
 4. Message that gives life through all eternity
- C. Jesus was Not just a prophet, just a great Man, just idol, or a divine spirit
- D. **Why is it important that Jesus Christ and the gospel are from “Eternity Past”**
- E. **If Jesus was not from the beginning, not Eternal, “He is NOT God”**
1. He could NOT forgive sin!
 2. His testimony is false and our faith is worthless!
- F. **Jesus existed from the beginning with God the Father**
1. He is not a diminished God of sorts
 2. He is co-eternal, co-equal, co-substantial with God the Father
 3. Jesus’s own claim, *John 10:30* “**I and the Father are one.**”
- G. **Only God can forgive sin**, only God could live a perfect life and give righteousness to all that would believe.
- H. *John 1:1* ¶ **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** 2 He was in the beginning with God. 14 And the **Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- I. **Word** →
1. **Was with God and Was God**
 2. “Logos” → **mind, the thoughts, the reasoning, the power of God**
 3. **God created heaven and earth** and all that is in it by His own will, but He did it **through Jesus Christ.**
 4. **All things came into existence through Jesus Christ**

5. **God spoke everything into existence, Jesus was that Word**, the Logos, the power and will that was God!
6. John 1:3 **All things were made through him**, and without him was not any thing made that was made.
7. 1Co 8:6 yet for us there is **one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist**, and **one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist**.
8. Col 1:15 He is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— **all things were created through him and for him**. 17 And he is before all things, and **in him all things hold together**.
9. **We do not exist outside of God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!**
- J. **Jesus Christ was God, who existed from Eternity with the Father, who took on a body of a man, but He always existed and He never stopped being God!**
- K. John 17:14 I have given them **your word**,
 1. God's word was the gospel of salvation that came through Christ
- L. John wrote, "**what we have heard**"
 1. John and the apostles received instruction from Jesus in the doctrines of the work that God Himself would do.
 2. From Creation to the Cross that brought redemption to man kind!
 3. All these things are those things "**That which was from the beginning**"
- M. **This is not just a small fact in the gospel—> THIS IS THE GOSPEL!**

II. JESUS WAS a HUMAN MAN

- A. 1 . . . we have **heard**, which we have **seen** with our eyes, which we **looked upon** and have **touched** with our hands, . . . 2 the life was made manifest, and we have **seen** it, . . . 3 that which we have **seen and heard**
- B. **Repetition is given for emphasis that Jesus was a man.**
- C. **John calls into play 4 senses that demonstrate that Jesus existed as a man**
 1. Heard Him speak
 2. Saw Him walk
 3. Looked upon "gazed", studied intently and perceived in their minds His teaching
 4. And sense of touch—
- D. John did not just hear a voice from some ghost or spirit or apparition —> He had a human body.

E. **Jesus came as a Man, to make God known to man**

1. John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the **only God, who is at the Father's side**, he has made him known.
2. John 8:19 . . .If you knew me, you would know my Father also."
3. Jesus appearing to the eleven after His physical resurrection: Lu 24:39 **See my hands and my feet**, that it is I myself. **Touch** me, and see. **For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."**

F. **John states: we heard, saw, touched Jesus Christ**

1. **Gnostics claimed Jesus was just a spirit because all physical flesh is evil**
2. John basically is saying, "they did not know Jesus! They are liars!"

G. **Jesus was eternal God who took on another form– that of a human man.**

1. John 1:14 **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
2. **He was born of a woman**→
 - a. Luke writes that Jesus was **both man and eternal**: Lu 1:31 **And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son**, and you shall call **his name Jesus**. 32 **He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High**. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, Lu 1:33 **and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."**
 - b. Ga 4:4 **But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman**, born under the law,
3. **Family of King David**– Ro 1:3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David **according to the flesh**
4. Phil 2:6 **who, though he was in the form of God**, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 **but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men**.
5. 1Ti 3:16 **Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh,**
6. **Manifest the glory of God**: Heb 1:3 **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature. . . , he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,**
7. **Later John will write**: 1Jo 5:18 ¶ **We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.**

H. **Gospel, the foundation of our salvation, is based on the fact that Jesus Christ was both God and Man**

1. “We”, John and the apostles, **testify and proclaim** that Jesus was God become Man.
2. Eph 2:20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

I. If Jesus Christ was NOT a Man

1. No sinless life, no perfect righteousness to give to you that you may be righteous before holy God
2. No substitutionary and sacrificial death that becomes the wage of our sin that we owe God for our sin, therefore we still must die for our sins
3. No propitiation for your sin, no Redeemer - you still owe God!
4. No resurrection– therefore we will have no resurrection; never have a glorified body
5. No Intercessor with God at this time– you are on your own with a holy God!
6. No second coming, no heaven itself!

III. JESUS IS THE GOSPEL → “WORD OF LIFE”

- A. **V1 That which was** from the beginning. . .**concerning the word of life**
- B. **V2 the life was made manifest, . . . testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was** with the Father and was **made manifest** to us—
- C. **V3 that which** we have seen and heard **we proclaim** also to you
- D. **Jesus was Eternal God who took on the form of a man**
 1. He brought the gospel – “word of life” to this earth
 2. Jesus was the “Word” become flesh – mind, will and power of God the Father exists in Him
 3. John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
 4. John wrote, **the life was made manifest** to us
 5. **Salvation is of the LORD** through person and work of Jesus Christ
 6. John states, “we **proclaim to you the eternal life, which was** with the Father and was **made manifest** to us
 7. Eternal life is in the message of the gospel which is in Jesus Christ!
 8. Jesus is the Gospel!
 9. John 3:16 ". . . whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- E. Jesus is the Processor of life, Giver of life, Sustainer of all life – physical and spiritual
- F. Jesus is the Author and Finisher of the faith that brings to us eternal life.

IV. NO JESUS, NO GOD

- A. **3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us** **4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.**
- B. **John is straight forward in his message: Jesus is God eternal, God the Man come to earth to bring Eternal life**
1. “This is the message we were given by Jesus and proclaim it to you”
 2. 1 John 2:23 **No one who denies the Son** has the Father. **Whoever confesses the Son** has the Father also.
 3. 1 John 4:15 **Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God**, God abides in him, and he in God.
 4. John 17:3 **And this is eternal life**, that they **know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom you have sent.
 5. 1 John 5:11 **And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**
- C. **Through belief in this message**, the gospel, we will have **fellowship** with all the saints that saw Him, heard Him, touched Him
1. V3. . . ; **and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.**
 2. Universal Church of all true believers
 3. **Salvation is made available to ALL PEOPLE**
 4. **There is no disparity before God!**
- D. **But what bring this fellowship among believers (Horizontal FS) is fellowship with the Father and the Son (Vertical FS),**
- E. John→ Believing this message “[you] **indeed [will have] fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.**
- F. Fellowship defined here is NOT just friends, NOT a social relationship
- G. This is sharing Eternal Life
- H. This equates to salvation
- I. This Fellowship is Life Sustaining relationship with Father and Son that never ceases.
- J. **You may feel like it is less at times due to sin and circumstances of life;**
- K. **But as the SUN is covered by a cloud, God and Christ are with you even in the darkest days!**
- L. **But the OPPOSITE is true—> Do NOT believe in the Son and you will NOT have Fellowship with God the Father**
1. 1Jo 2:23 **No one who denies the Son has the Father. . . .**
 2. There is NO substitute for Jesus of Scripture.

3. Jesus is eternal God Man who **ALONE** is our Salvation!
4. **Salvation is by God's Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ alone!**
5. [John 17:3](#) And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

M. Salvation is never "Jesus Plus Anything!"

1. Not works
2. Not baptism
3. Not church membership
4. Not being blessed by a man or given enlightenment from anyone.

5. "Jesus plus" is false God, a false gospel, a false hope, a false salvation!

V. JESUS BRINGS JOY

A. John wrote this letter to Bring Joy to the readers

B. [1Jo 1:4](#) And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1. Only belief in this Man, Jesus Christ and the Gospel He revealed will bring eternal life.

2. And only when those who read or hear this message come in faith to trust in Jesus Christ alone, will he and the apostles be joyful.

3. Because this is the message that brings eternal life

4. Salvation brings Joy– "fulfillment"

C. Just hearing, seeing, will NOT bring ETERNAL LIFE– WE MUST BELIEVE UPON CHRIST!

D. Do you have this Joy this morning?

E. Is this the Christ that you believe into? Have you put your trust in Him alone?

1. If so you have [fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ](#)
2. This is how we stand, exist and grow each day of this life
3. Looking beyond to the day we too will see, hear and touch Him face to face!

VI. Discussion:

A. What does Fellowship with believers mean in these passages?

1. What does that look like in our relationships with other believers?

B. What does Fellowship with the Father and the Son look like in your daily life?

C. Can I have the wrong view of Christ and still be saved? What must I actually believe to be saved?