

## **JOY AMIDST DEVASTATION**

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**I John 1:1-10**

“And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.” I John 1:4  
“For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.” Philippians 3:20, 21

The Apostle Paul wrote from prison to the Philippians, reminding them that our citizenship is in heaven (3:20). This must rule believers’ thoughts. John wrote for this purpose: “that your joy may be full” (1:4). He then affirms these truths for that purpose:

1. God has been manifested among men (1:1-2).

“Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy . . . for unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”

2. God’s is not only manifested, but His manifestation is declared among men (1:3).

- a. By the prophets
- b. By Christ Himself
- c. By the Apostles
- d. By the Holy Spirit
- e. By the Scriptures

3. God is not only manifested and declared, but we have fellowship with Him (1:5-7).

“If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another”

4. God is manifested in Christ, whose blood cleanses us from all sin (1:7).
5. Sins that we commit can now be forgiven (1:8).
6. The One to whom we confess our sins is faithful and just to forgive them (1:9).
7. When we sin, we have an advocate—a defender before God God the Father. (2:1-2)

- a. He is righteous
- b. He is Jesus (Savior) Christ (anointed by God)
- c. He is our propitiation
- d. He is the propitiation of everyone who will believe

8. God has promised eternal life to us (2:25).
9. God’s love—discriminating, effectual and transforming—is bestowed upon us, making us His sons (3:1, 2).
10. We can know that we have eternal life, and for this purpose John wrote (5:13).