

Light, Love, & Life Series:
How The Incarnation Helps Us Live Out The Sacred
The Word Made Flesh
1 John 1:1-4

- I. From the Beginning (1a)
 - A. John could be making reference here to the eternal nature of the second person of the Trinity
 - B. More likely, he is giving an historical frame of reference for the beginning of the gospel message as inaugurated and developed by the Incarnation
- II. The Incarnation Is An Historical Reality (1b-3a)
 - A. Engaging the senses
 - 1. Heard
 - 2. Seen
 - 3. Touched
 - B. Life itself was manifested (made visible, made apparent)
 - C. It is a reality to be announced
 - 1. We saw it, we heard it, we now tell about it
 - 2. Proclamation is the natural outworking of this Word of Life
 - 3. Notice that designation – Word of Life
- III. The Incarnation – The True Foundation of Fellowship (3b-4)
 - A. Proclamation about and acceptance of the Incarnation as “life-giving” is necessary for two kinds of fellowship
 - 1. Fellowship with God (through Jesus)
 - 2. Fellowship with the believing community (through Jesus)

- B. The essence of the fellowship
 - 1. Sharing what is common
 - 2. Participation together (implication is in “the word of life”
 - 3. For the fullness of joy
- IV. Ramifications the Incarnation
 - A. If Jesus was truly God in the flesh, then His words must be heeded
 - B. If Jesus was really God in the flesh, then His manner of life must be emulated
 - C. If Jesus was really God in the flesh, then He has absolute claim on our lives