

I John Series

“Life”

KEY VERSE: 1John 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Text: John 1:1-4 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— **2** the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— **3** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1) Jesus is Life Manifested.

v. 2 “the life was made manifest” to manifest means to reveal or to magnify, demonstrate for the purpose of imparting. Notice Jesus is called *The life*.

“the Life” was manifested in Three ways.

a) Through the Incarnation

i) The incarnation means that all of God’s nature became present in the person of Jesus Christ.

ii) Don’t stumble over the incarnation it all starts here.

b) Through Jesus’s Earth Ministry

Same Greek word Phaneroo shows up in chapter 3 translated as “*appeared*”

3:5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

3:8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

(1) The works of the devil are numerous but chief among those works is the captivating and dominating power of sin.

preaching on sin is just so old fashion. I don’t want to go to church to hear someone call me a “sinner”

(2) Just as living in the Son brings Life, Light, Love and Liberty... Living in Sin brings death, darkness, pain, and bondage. Satan hates LIFE.

John 10:9,10 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

(3) Fight for LIFE. Don’t let the thief steal and destroy what you have in Jesus.

c) Through His resurrection.

(1) Romans 6:23 says the wages of sin is death.

(2) Jesus manifested “the Life” when he conquered death. He demonstrated that His Life had more authority than present sin.

(3) The very nature of the Life Jesus wants us to walk in is a resurrecting life.

- to walk in His life, is to walk in the resurrection.

2) Jesus is the All-Satisfying Life.

1 John 4:9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

1 John 5:12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

a) What does it mean to Have the Son of God? If you have something you have what it does for you!

b) Having All That Jesus Came to Do

i) Now the testimony of God (in verse 12) says, “He who HAS the Son has life.”

ii) And now we can say that having the Son means:

if you have the Son, then the Son does his thing for you.

If you want to Fight for The Life spend a day and make a list under the heading of:

What can Jesus do?

What did Jesus come to do?

What did Jesus promise to do?

3) Jesus is Eternal Life.

a) “How do we come to have the Son?” This is very important because the last part of verse 12 says that “he who has not the Son of God has not life.”

verse 13: “I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”

b) Notice that verse 13 says that those who believe in the name of the Son of God have eternal life and that verse 12 says, “He who has the Son has life.”

The way to HAVE the Son is to BELIEVE the Son.

When you trust Him in every step you take... YOU ARE WALKING IN LIFE!