

# Is it true? 1 John 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.”

## I. The Beginning

**John 1:1-4, Genesis 1:1-4**

God uses \_\_\_\_\_ to create, His first creation was \_\_\_\_\_.

God wants you to know that the very breath you are breathing is the very breath he uses to create everything, and his first breath was to call light into the darkness.

You are capable of speaking \_\_\_\_\_ into people lives.

## II. The Life Manifested

**1 John 1:2**

The \_\_\_\_\_ became \_\_\_\_\_ to correct us.

God intended his creation to continue to worship him, but instead we rebelled against him. (Genesis 1:28)

Because of our rebellion, Jesus had to set the example of how we are supposed to behave as humans. (Philippians 2:5-11)

## III. The Eternal Life

**1 John 1:2**

Even with Jesus’s example there is no way we can perfectly model the life of Jesus, so God made it easy for us.

He \_\_\_\_\_ and we \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:4

<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

So how can we obtain this eternal life?

Acts 2:37-38

<sup>37</sup> “When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ”

## IV. The Fellowship

**1 John 1:3**

1. Witnesses
2. Heard with their own ears
3. Seen with their eyes
4. Touched with their own hands

Our only reason, *and it will be our only reason*, is so that you will know God and his son Jesus Christ.

*Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.*

C. S. Lewis