



**“The Sweetest Fellowship
This Side of Heaven”**
1 John 1:1-4
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Not everybody in church has life. **1 Timothy 5:6**, “But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.”
John 10:10, “I’ve come that you might have life and have it abundantly.”

I. There Is a Fact That Is Established. 1:1

GNOSTICS from Greek *gnosis* means *to know*.
See 2 John 19-10.

A. Jesus is an E _____ fact.

“That which was from the beginning.”

John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word.”

Revelation 19:13, “He wore a robe stained with blood, and His name is the Word of God.”

Jesus is the WORD of God! A word is the expression of an invisible thought or an idea. Jesus is the visible expression of the invisible God. Jesus articulates God.

- He is God’s f _____ Word.
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- Hebrews 1:2**, “In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.”

B. Jesus Is a P _____ Fact.

1. The a _____ evidence.
2. The o _____ evidence.
3. The p _____ evidence.

Because Jesus was a man He is my R _____, my E _____ and my C _____ & F _____.

C. He Is a S _____ Fact. 1:1-2

1 John 5:9, “If we accept the testimony of men, God’s testimony is greater, because it is God’s testimony that He has given about His Son.”

II. It Is a Fellowship Experienced.

Fellowship comes from the Greek word **koinonia**. It means to hold things in common.

1 Peter 1:4, “We have now become partakers of the divine nature.”

I come to the Garden alone, when the dew is still on the roses and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses, and he walks with me and he talks with me and he tells me I am his own.

2 Corinthians 6:14, “Do not be yoked/mismatched together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”

III. It Is a Fullness Enjoyed. 1:4

Psalms 16:11, “You reveal the path of life to me; in Your presence is abundant joy; in Your right hand are eternal pleasures.”

Next Steps

- I will read and meditate on First John 1 this week.
- I will regularly practice koinonia with God and with my fellow believers.
- If not married, I will never marry an unbeliever and, with God’s help, will not date an unbeliever.
- I will practice the JOY of God’s presence in my life.