

Sermon: Reasons for Proclamation

Text: [I John 1:1-4 ESV](#)

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Introduction: God’s purposes have always been about fellowship with His creation and His Church for whom Jesus died. What Jesus said, what John witnessed, is important as it relates to the word of life (eternal life), fellowship that is both vertical and horizontal, and the privilege given to us to proclaim the Good News that results in joy for those who accept God’s terms.

I. The Gospel Comes through a First-Hand _____.

- A. John _____ Jesus.
- B. Christians must _____ Jesus with others.

II. The Gospel Can Create Eternal _____.

- A. The “word of life” is _____ (perfect).
- B. “The” life was _____ to Christians before us.

III. The Gospel Results in _____.

- A. With God, the _____ and His _____, Jesus Christ
- B. With other _____

Conclusion: True Christianity is essentially Jesus Christ—revealed in Scripture, experienced in new life and fellowship, and proclaimed with joy. Make sure that you’ve got the real deal! Life was not perfect for Paul who was in prison near the end of his life, but he could still proclaim to the church: [Philippians 4:4 ESV](#) 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice (farewell).

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The Word of Life

1 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[a] joy may be complete.

Footnotes: [a] 1 John 1:4 Some manuscripts your

John 14:6-11 ESV

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.[a] From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

Footnotes: [a] John 14:7 Or If you know me, you will know my Father also, or If you have known me, you will know my Father also