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“IT’S REAL “

I JOHN 1 VS 1-4

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LAST WEEK WE LEARNED TWO OF THE THREE VITAL FACTS ABOUT THE LIFE THAT IS REAL:

I. THE LIFE IS REVEALED (VS 1)

II. THE LIFE IS EXPERIENCED (VS 2)

AS WE LOOK AT VERSE 3 AND 4 WE WILL SEE THE NEXT VITAL FACT CONCERNING THE LIFE:

III. THIS LIFE IS SHARED (VS 3-4) “THAT WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD DECLARE WE UNTO YOU “(3) AND ONCE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS EXCITING LIFE THAT IS REAL, YOU WILL WANT TO SHARE IT WITH OTHER PEOPLE. JOHN REVEALS TO US THAT WITNESSING IS SHARING OUR SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES WITH OTHERS IN TWO WAYS:

- 1. BY THE LIVES THAT WE LIVE**
- 2. THE WORDS THAT WE SPEAK**

AS WE READ LOOK THROUGH SEVERAL PASSAGES IN THIS BOOK WE WILL FIND THAT JOHN SHARES WITH US FIVE PURPOSES FOR SHARING:

A. THAT WE MAY HAVE FELLOWSHIP (3) “TO HAVE IN COMMON “AS SINNERS MEN HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON. BUT GOD IN HIS GRACE SENT JESUS CHRIST TO HAVE SOMETHING COMMON WITH MEN. CHRIST TOOK ON HIMSELF A HUMAN BODY AND BECAME A MAN. THEN HE WENT TO THE CROSS AND TOOK ON THAT BODY THE SINS OF THE WORLD (1 PET 2 VS 24). BECAUSE HE HAD TO PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR SINS, THE WAY IS OPEN FOR GOD TO FORGIVE US AND TAKE US INTO HIS FAMILY. WHEN WE TRUST CHRIST WE BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE (2 PET 1 VS 4). THE WORD “PARTAKERS “TRANSLATE MEANS FELLOWSHIP IN JOHN S LETTER. (GREEK ROOT WORD)

B. THAT WE MAY HAVE JOY (4) FELLOWSHIP CHRIST ‘S ANSWER TO THE LONILINESS OF LIFE, JOY IS THE ANSWER FOR THE EMPTINESS, HOLLOWNESS OF LIFE. JOY IS NOT SOMETHING THAT WE MANUFACTURE FOR OURSELVES; JOY IS A WONDERFUL BY PRODUCT OF OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD! (PS. 16 VS 11 DAVID)

BASICALLY, SIN IS THE CAUSE OF UNHAPPINESS THAT OVERWHELMS OUR WORLD TODAY SIN PROMISES JOY BUT ALWAYS PRODUCES SORROW THE PLEASURES OF SIN ARE TEMPORARY (HEB 11 VS 25) GOD'S PLEASURES ARE ETERNAL (PS. 16 VS 11). THE LIFE THAT IS REAL PRODUCES A JOY THAT IS REAL! LOOK AT WHAT JESUS SAID:

THE NIGHT BEFORE HE WAS CRUCIFIED (JOHN 16 VS 22) ALSO READ (JOHN 15 VS 11). WHAT THE APOSTLE IS SAYING IS: "FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST GIVES YOU A JOY THAT CAN NEVER BE DUPLICATED BY THE WORLD. I HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS THIS JOY MYSELF, AND I WANT TO SHARE IT WITH YOU"

C. THAT WE MAY NOT SIN (2 VS 1) JOHN FACED THE PROBLEM OF SIN IN (I JOHN 3 VS 4-9) AND ANNOUNCED THE ANSWER – (WHICH IS THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST)

CHRIST HELPS US WITH SIN IN TWO WAYS:

1. DIED FOR US TO CARRY THE PENALTY OF OUR SINS
2. HE ROSE FOR US TO INTERCEDES ON OUR BEHAVE (I JOHN 2 VS 1) CHRIST IS OUR REPRESENTATIVE. HE DEFENDS US AT THE FATHERS THRONE. SATAN MAY STAND THERE AS THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN (ZECH 3; REV 12 VS 10), BUT CHRIST STANDS THERE AS OUR ADVOCATE – HE PLEADS ON OUR BEHALF! CONTINUING FORGIVENESS, IN RESPONSE TO HIS INTERCESSION, IS GOD'S ANSWER TO OUR SINFULNESS.

EXAMPLE: A LADY TALKING TO A PASTOR SAYS "I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN, BUT I AM AFRAID I CAN'T HOLD OUT. I AM SURE I WILL SIN AGAIN"!

PASTOR TURNS TO 1 JOHN 1 VS 1 AND SAYS – NO DOUBT YOU WILL SIN AGAIN BECAUSE THE WORD SAYS (I JOHN 1 VS 8), BUT IF YOU DO SIN, GOD WILL FORGIVE YOU IF YOU CONFESS YOUR SIN TO HIM. BUT IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR CHRISTIANS TO SIN. WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO NOT SIN?

1. WALK IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD
2. WALK IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD

AS WE DO THIS HE GIVES US THE ABILITY TO RESIST AND TO HAVE VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION.

SURGERY EXAMPLE – IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF COMPLICATIONS OR PROBLEMS AFTERWARDS (YES) WHEN EVER I HAD PROBLEMS I WENT TO SEE THE DOCTOR AND HE TOOK CARE OF THEM! THEN THE TRUTH HIT HER AND SHE SAID "I SEE IT" – CHRIST IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO KEEP ME OUT OF SIN OR TO FORGIVE MY SIN!" THE LIFE THAT IS REAL IS A LIFE OF VICTORY! IN THIS LETTER JOHN TOLD US HOW TO DRAW ON OUR DIVINE RESOURCES TO EXPERIENCE VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION AND SIN.

D. **THAT WE MAY NOT BE DECIEVED** (2 VS 26) AS NEVER BEFORE, CHRISTIANS TODAY NEED THE ABILITY TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG, BETWEEN TRUTH AND ERROR. THE NOTION IS WIDESPREAD IN OUR GENERATION THAT THERE ARE NO ABSOLUTES – THAT NOTHING IS ALWAYS RIGHT AND NOTHING IS ALWAYS WRONG. FALSE DOCTRINES THEREFORE ARE MORE PREVALENT THAN AT ANYTIME IN HISTORY – AND MOST MEN AND WOMEN SEEM TO BE WILLING TO ACCEPT ALMOST ANY TEACHING EXCEPT THE TRUTH OF THE BIBLE. IN JOHNS EPISTLE IS A WORD THAT NO OTHER NEW TESTAMENT WRITER USES – “ANTICHRIST” (I JOHN 2 VS 18, 22: 4 VS 3; 2 JOHN 7) THE PREFIX

ANTI MEANS – 1. AGAINST 2. INSTEAD OF- THERE ARE IN THIS WORLD TEACHERS OF LIES WHO ARE OPPOSED TO CHRIST, AND THEIR METHOD OF “ SEDUCING “ . PEOPLE ARE IS TO USE LIES. THEY OFFER THREE THING:

1. **A SUBSTITUE CHRIST**

2. **A SUBSTITUE SALVATION**

3. **A SUBSTITUE BIBLE**

THEY WANT TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING INSTEAD OF THE REAL WORD OF GOD AND REAL ETERNAL LIFE.

E. **THAT WE MAY KNOW WE ARE SAVED** (5 VS 13) THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT JOHN KNITTED TOGETHER IN ORDER FOR US TO KNOW THAT WE ARE SECURE WITH GOD

1. **OBEDIENC E** – (1 JOHN 1 VS 5- 2 VS 6)

2. **LOVE** – (I JOHN 2 VS 7-17)

3. **TRUTH** – 1 JOHN 5)