

Fellowship with the Real Jesus

1 John 1:1-4

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The Background of 1 John

Author

John the Apostle

Recipients

Believers (possibly in the province of Asia
minor)

Background and Occasion

Early Gnosticism

Gnostic Perversions

■ Gospel of John 2:19

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and
in three days I will raise it up."

■ "Gospel" of Thomas - 71

"I will destroy this house and no one will be able
to rebuild it."

The Purpose of 1 John

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Reality of the Incarnation

1 John 1:1

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life--

The Testimony of the Word of Life

1 John 1:2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

**Fellowship with the
Father and the Son**

1 John 1:3 what we have seen and heard we
proclaim to you also, so that you too may
have fellowship with us; and indeed our
fellowship is with the Father, and with His
Son Jesus Christ.

Joy in the Gospel

1 John 1:4 These things we write, so that our
joy may be made complete.

**How Do We Have Fellowship
with the Real Jesus?**

#1 Understand Who the Real Jesus Is

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve
by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray
from the simplicity and purity of devotion to
Christ. For if one comes and preaches *another*
Jesus whom we have not preached, or you
receive a different spirit which you have not
received, or a different gospel which you have
not accepted, you bear this beautifully.

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#2 Listen to His Ordained Messengers

Hebrews 2:1-4

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ***how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,*** while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

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#3 Continually Believe in His Person and Work

Colossians 1:22-23

... yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach-- **if indeed you continue in the faith** firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard.
