



I John 1:1-4

Scripture Memory

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That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.

Sunday School Lesson Notes

Key Thoughts

John had discovered that satisfying reality is not to be found in things or thrills, but in a Person—Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary: New Testament, Volume II* (Colorado Springs, David C. Cook Publishers, 1989), p. 474.

Regarding the importance of I John 1:1-4: *True spiritual fellowship can only be experienced when one has a proper evaluation of Christ's person.*

Robert G. Gromacki, *New Testament Survey* (Grand Rapids, Baker Book House, 1996), p. 372.

Questions to Consider

As you answer the questions and prepare for Sunday school, carefully read I John 1:1-4.

- What is the difference between John's purpose for writing the Gospel of John (20:31) and his purpose for writing the First Epistle of John (5:9-13).
- To what or to whom is John speaking of at the end of verse 1 when he references having *the Word of life*?
- What key doctrine does II Corinthians 13:14 and Matthew 28:19 teach?
- As an eyewitness to Jesus' ministry, death and resurrection, John is affirming the reality of what (a key component of the doctrine of Christ) in verses 1-3 concerning Jesus Christ?
- According to I John 2:26, explain one of John's concerns for writing this letter (See note below)?
- According to John 14:6, Christ is the _____ in contrast to Satan who is a _____ (John 8:44).
- Assurance that we are in God's family (*born again*) is critical. What are two characteristics of a child of God according to I John 2:29 and 3:9?

Truth to Ponder

As never before, Christians today need 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 wrong and that nothing is always right. False doctrines, therefore, are more prevalent than at any time in history—and most men and women seem to be willing to accept almost any teaching except the truths of the Bible.

Warren Wiersbe, p. 477.