

I. John's Message (1:1-3a)

A. We Proclaim that Jesus Christ is Life Eternal (1:1a, e; John 1:1, 14)

B. Jesus is Life from the Father Made Manifest (1:1-2; 1 Peter 1:20; John 21:14)

C. John Proclaims Jesus with Eyewitness Authority  
(1:1-3a; John 20:27-29; 14:6; 11:25-26; 1 John 5:20)

II. The Three-Fold Purpose of John (1:3b-4)

A. That We Might Have Fellowship with One Another

B. That We Might Have Fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ  
(4:12-13; 2:3; John 17:3, 21; 1 Cor 13:12)

C. That Joy May Be Completed in Sharing this Fellowship

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What is John's core message in his letter?
2. Why does John write this letter? What is his purpose?
3. What do you hope to learn from this study of John's letters? How do you hope to grow?