



STUDIES IN 1 JOHN

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**¹ What was from the beginning,
what we have heard, what we
have seen with our eyes, what
we have observed, and have
touched with our hands,
concerning the Word of life—**

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² that life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—

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³ what we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you may have fellowship along with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

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1. Christ is Real

...what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed, and have touched with our hands.

The reality of Christ is the basis of our faith.

- Eternally Real
- Historically/Physically Real
- Experientially Real

2. Our Relationship is Real

...and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Christianity is not a group of country clubs, it is not like teams, where you change or traded nor is it an assisted living facility.

**This thing we call Christianity is a family.
A family in which we are born.**

2. Our Relationship is Real

...and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

We know both God and His Son; know them personally just like we know other Christians.

We have fellowship together, the kind of fellowship that exists within the greatest of all families—the family of God.

3. Our Purpose is Real

...so that our joy may be complete.

Joy (*chara*): an inner gladness; a deep seated pleasure. It is a depth of assurance and confidence that ignites a cheerful heart. It is a cheerful heart that leads to cheerful behavior.

Our purpose on earth and all eternity is to have joy.

Eternity is Real.

Jesus is Real.

Salvation is Real.

**Why do we not want to be real or
live like an authentic Christian?**

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