



Outline – Sunday School January 07, 2018

Sermon Title: God Was Manifested In The Flesh, “The Certainty Of The Incarnation”

Text: 1 John 1:1-4

1. The *Apostolic **Appeal***: *Certainty* in the reality of the incarnate ‘Word of Life.’ v 1-2
 - a. The *message* and person that was from the beginning. John 1:1/Gen 1:1
 - b. The sensory *method* of experiencing the message: **heard, seen, handled**. Luke 24:39-43/
John 13:23ff; 20:20, 25-28
 - c. The *manifestation* of the ‘Word of Life’: “**the** life” “**That** eternal life.” John 1:4, 14; 11:25; 14:6/
1 Tim 3:16

2. The *Apostolic **Aim***: *Communion* with the Father and the Son. v 3
 - a. The *sure* and *faithful* declaration emphasized: An eye/ear –witness testified. Acts 1:21-22
 - b. The *specific fellowship* of the saints together with the eye/ear – witnesses. 1 John 1:7; 3:8 ;4:10; 5:11,
13, 20/John 17:3
 - c. The *strict focus* of the testimony and center of fellowship: The Father, and his Son Jesus **Christ**.
vv 1-2/1 John 1:7; 3:8; 4:10; 5:11, 20

3. The *Apostolic **Ambition***: *Completeness* of Joy. v 4
 - a. The goal of the *author*: his fullness of Joy. John 3:29-30; 15:11
 - b. The completion of that goal in the *audience*: communion and continuance. 1 John 1:3; 5:11-13/
John 17:3