

Light, Life and Love: A Series in 1 John  
The Word of Life  
1 John 1:1-4

**Main theme:** The love of God compels us to live a life of obedience to God.

In other words:

Our Christian lifestyle is more important than how much knowledge we have.

A little background

- The apostle John is the likely author, especially when compared to his gospel.
- John was writing to a group of churches in Asia minor- quite possibly many of the churches he mentions in Revelation.
- John was writing to combat the growing heresy being taught that Jesus did not come in a human body.
- John's style is radically different than Paul or Peter- he is more concerned with Christian living.

**Point:** John is qualified to teach us on love and obedience because he is an eye witness of Jesus' love and obedience.

## What is John proclaiming?

1. What has always been true “from the beginning”. (John 1:1-2)
2. What he personally heard from the mouth of Jesus Christ. (John 21:24)
3. What he personally saw in the life and ministry of Jesus. (e.g. raising Lazarus John 11:1-44; 12:1-2)

**Point:** The love of God invites us to a lifelong relationship of loving discipleship.

### Tests of a Disciple

- Do you walk in the Light and obey God’s commands?
- Are you righteous as God is righteous?
- Do you know God’s love by loving fellow believers as God loves them?

*“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.”*

1 John 4:16 (NIV)