

“Light, Life, Love” – Part 1

I John 1:1-4

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Introduction

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~ Two fundamental Gnostic beliefs

1. The spiritual is inherently good.
2. The physical is inherently evil.

My physical body and what it does is;

- a. totally separate from and unaccountable to my spirit.
- b. the source of all evil.

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- “doce” means “to appear”
- Jesus only appeared to be a physical man.

From John’s first phrase He explains, defends and promotes the doctrine of the Trinity.

Here John emphasizes two non-negotiables about the nature of Jesus.

1. Jesus is completely God.

v.1a – “Who existed from the beginning”

- He is eternal.

v.1c – “He is the Word of life.”

- “logos” = the sum total of all the essentials of life.

v.2b – “He is the one who is eternal life”

- Jesus defines life.

v.2c – “He was with the Father”

- co-eternal.

2. Jesus is completely human.

v.1b – “we have heard and seen”.

- eye witness to physical reality

v.1c – “we saw him with our own eyes and touched Him with our own hands”

- experience through touch added to sight and sound.

v.2c – “He was with the Father and then He was revealed to us.”

- incarnation (John 1:14)

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1. To enable true fellowship (v.3a)

Living together in true unity and love

...is one of the highest purposes of the Church.

But it can only exist in the context of an accurate understanding of the true nature of God.

2. To enable us to experience joy (v.4)

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