

I John 1:1-4: Introduction
“The One Jesus Loved Most”

Times of No Change- “Ground Hogs Day” Every Day the Same

Virus	What is the best response? %- Herd Mentality %- Avoidance %- Protect Vulnerable
Racial	What are the Most Constructive Solutions? %- Police %- Judicial, %- Heal Inner City Culture
Schools	What is the Safest Move Forward? %- No %- Protect the Highest at risk
Economy	What is best for America? %- comfortable %- are really hurting
Politics	Who’s to blame? %- President %- Democrats %- No One

Truths About Our Present Shared Experience

- Every issue will impact the future.
- Almost everyone appears to be passionate about at least one of the issues for reasons they believe are solid.
- There are more opinions than facts to support clear solutions. Only time will tell who knew best.

As Christians, we do have “clear direction” from Jesus

- We are not at home in this world. Our vision is for the work Jesus Christ prioritizes in promoting a Kingdom people on earth.
- We do have responsibility to stand up for our convictions for the good of others when issues of righteousness and justice are involved.
- We are called to love everyone without partiality but to be more concerned for the “eternal well-being” of people than present circumstances. Our concern in life is Christ-centered.

**A New Study: The First Epistle of John
Living out the priorities of Jesus Christ
for the Family of God.**

The Apostle John’s Priority in Life (I John 1:1-4)

- 1. John’s priority in life was telling people about the Jesus he knew and who loved him intimately.** I John 1:1
Mark 1:16-20
Mark 3:16-19
Mark 5:35-43
John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:17, 20
- 2. John summarizes his assessment of who Jesus is and why He is so important in this life.** I John 1:1-2
“Word of Life” John 1:1-5
Genesis 1:1
“Eternal Life”
- 3. John’s invites all people into an intimate fellowship with God the Father, the Son and true Christians.** I John 1:3-4

Knowing Jesus Changes Everything in this Life

- **Jesus as God’s revelation of “life” is a reminding us that everything in this life, apart from Him is associated with the principle of death and decay.**
- **We are ambassadors of Jesus who are most concerned with the value of persons regardless of differences.**
I Corinthians 13:3-8; II Corinthians 5:20-21
- **We are known by our love of the brethren and unity under the headship of Jesus Christ.** John 15:12-17; 17:22-24