

THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

DO YOU KNOW THE JOY?

1 John 1:1-4 Jeff Schreve

And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

1 John 1:4 NKJV

How can you know/experience the joy of the Christian life?

1. Understand that Jesus is the God-man.

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life—and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us ... 1 John 1:1-2

A. Jesus is the eternal God.

In the beginning was the Word ... John 1:1

B. Jesus became a real man.

2. Understand that Jesus invites you into His fellowship.

... what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:3

A. Jesus died on the cross to make fellowship possible.

...for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14

B. Fellowship means you share the same life.

When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3:4

C. Fellowship is something special/unique to Christians.

3. Understand that joy is a byproduct of fellowship.

In Your presence is fulness of joy. Psalm 16:11

A. When your fellowship is sweet, your joy will be full.

B. The enemy of fellowship and stealer of joy is sin.

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive
us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1 :9

Will you choose Jesus and joy or sin and separation?