

Sunday, April 9, 2023

## Joy Complete

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1 John 1:1-4

He has Risen!

[Intro Series & Text](#), read, pray. "Please direct your attention to the screen"

[-Video-](#) → JOY COMPLETE slide *directly after video ends (52 sec)*

Main Point: **Jesus' way is Joy Complete**

### **Intro**

What we are looking for... Eternal life, the fountain of youth, all ways too overcome our fear of death.

Joy; whole crusades, movements, societies, have search and sought to create an earthly nirvana.

True connection and relationship. Can it be that there is an answer to these soul desires?

### **Jesus**

Life- Word of Life/ The Eternal Life

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live," John 11:25

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20

\*Gospel→ Resurrection\*, **Jesus' way is Joy Complete**

## Way

Fellowship, it all starts with a relationship with God!

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. 1 John 2:24

And with one another

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

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## Joy Complete

Believe

Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:11

Walk

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1 John 2:6

How do we do this? It's not just a future reality. It can be experienced in this life. How? By Walking as Jesus Walked. How did he walk?

Join us for your series in 1 John to learn step by step what it means to follow Jesus!

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## Child Dedication

"It is my great joy to introduce you to these newest member of our church family. Melvin is the son of Paul & Elsi on January 15th. These parents have come today to pledge themselves before God and this congregation to raise Melvin in a way the honors the LORD."

### Parental Affirmations

After each statement the parents will respond "WE DO."

*Do you today recognize Melvin as a gift of God and give heartfelt thanks for God's blessing?*

*Do you now dedicate your child to the Lord who gave him to you, surrendering all worldly claims upon his life in the hope that he will belong wholly to God?*

*Do you pledge as parents that, with God's fatherly help, you will bring up Melvin in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, making every reasonable effort, with patience and love, to build the Word of God, the character of Christ and the joy of the Lord into his life?*

*Do you promise to provide, through God's blessing, for the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs of your child, looking to your own heavenly Father for the wisdom, love and strength to serve them and not use them?*

*Do you promise, God helping you, to make it your regular prayer that, by God's grace, your children will come to trust in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of their sins and for the fulfillment of all his promises to them, even eternal life; and in this faith follow Jesus as Lord and obey his teachings?*

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

Church if you agree please say I do: Do we commit to walk with Paul and Elsi as they raise Melvin in the Lord?

## Prayer of Blessing

Melvin, together with your parents, who love you dearly, and this church who care about the outcome of your faith, I dedicate you to God, surrendering together with them all worldly claims upon your life, in the hope that you will belong wholly to God for ever.

In Jesus Name, Amen

Lead into Communion

## Study Notes

### 1 John 1:1-4

Main Point-

Key Words- Heard, Seen, looked, touched, testify, proclaim, fellowship

FCF-

General God Key Words Command Truth Sin

[1] That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—[2] the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—[3] that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. [4] And we are writing these things so that our<sup>1</sup> joy may be complete.

Initial Thoughts

His main point is clear→ JOY COMPLETE. (*We are writing these things*) He bases this joy on; 1. Jesus, the eternal life, 2. fellowship (relationship) with a. Each other b. With God.

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<sup>1</sup> 1:4 Some manuscripts \*your\*

Vs. 1, See notes on "Life" sermon

Vs. 2, He continues to his thoughts on the "word of life". The "life was made manifest" (study greek). What life? The Word of life. "We have seen it"- Verification of witness. "Testify and proclaim→ THE Eternal Life; with the Father (John 1:2-4) and made "manifest" (Greek study) to "us" (the OG disciples).

Vs. 3, This "life" that was "seen and heard" "we proclaim" SO THAT; fellowship (Greek) with OG's AND God (Father & Son) AND JOY COMPLETE!

-The difference of "our" vs. "your" is summed up nicely by the Msg; *We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!*

Translations

Vs. 1 See notes from "life"

**Vs. 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—**

**NIV**-The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

**NASB**-Same as ESV

**NKJV**-the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

**CEB**-that life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—

**NLT**-This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us.

**MSG**-The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we're telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us.

**\*Thoughts-** manifest:Appeared, revealed, we saw it happen / testify:bear witness, declare / we're telling you in most sober prose.

## Greek

Manifest:to cause to become visible<sup>2</sup>

Testify:to provide information about a person or an event concerning which the speaker has direct knowledge—'to witness.'<sup>3</sup>

**Vs. 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

**NIV-**We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

**NASB-**Same as ESV

**NKJV-**that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**CEB-**what we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you may also have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

**NLT-**We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

**MSG-**We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ.

**\*Thoughts-**Proclaim:declare, we're telling you

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<sup>2</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#)

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

**Greek:**to announce or inform, with possible focus upon the source of information—‘to tell, to inform.’<sup>4</sup>

**Vs. 4-And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.**

NIV-We write this to make our joy complete.

NASB-These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

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

CEB-Same as ESV

NLT-We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

MSG-Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!

Greek

**Fellowship:**an association involving close mutual relations and involvement—‘close association, fellowship.’<sup>5</sup>

In 1 Jn. *κοινωνία* is a favourite term to describe the living bond in which the Christian stands. Here, too, the word implies inward fellowship on a religious basis.<sup>69</sup> To be a Christian is to have fellowship with God. This fellowship is with the Father and the Son, 1:3, 6.70 It issues in the brotherly fellowship of believers, 1:3, 7. The believer’s communion with God or Christ consists in mutual abiding (→ μένειν, 3:24: 4:13), which begins in this world and reaches into the world to come, where it finds its supreme fulfillment, 3:26

**Joy:**a state of joy and gladness—‘joy, gladness, great happiness’<sup>7</sup>

Throughout John’s Gospel fulfilment and joy are related to the person of Jesus.

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<sup>5</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*

<sup>6</sup> *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* Hauck, F. (1964–). *κοινός, κοινωνός, κοινωνέω, κοινωνία, συγκοινωνός, συγκοινωνέω, κοινωνικός, κοινός*. G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.)

<sup>7</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*

The fact that this joy is attained by keeping the commandments does not mean that ethical action is the way of salvation; it is to be understood in the framework of all that is said about the commandment of love. Love is not a means to win through to eschatological existence. It is rather the leading of this life.<sup>8</sup>

**Complete:** to make something total or complete.<sup>9</sup> Means "to fill," e.g., a bottle with water. By revelation "everything" is received, the "complete fulness" of the actuality of salvation itself. Joy is perfected because it is given by the fulness of salvation which is granted with the exaltation of Jesus. Jn. 16:24 does not deviate from this specific line of usage, for here there is granted to the man who prays for the salvation given in fellowship with Christ (cf. v. 22f.) the promise that he will receive the gift of perfect joy (in this fellowship).<sup>10</sup>

## People

Father-Jesus was "with" and now our "fellowship" is with him. This should be no small truth. We have "mutual abiding" (Greek) with him.

Jesus-The word of life, the eternal life, witnessed and testified by "us" and "we".

The "we" is assumed but yet, clear based on context, the disciples (original followers of) Jesus.

You- The reader, so that you too may have fellowship with "us" (the disciples) thereby the Father and son, thus, joy complete.

## Cross References

Vs. 1 (see notes from "Life")

**Vs. 2** (1) **the life was made** (2) **manifest, and we have** (3) **seen it, and** (4) **testify to it and proclaim to you the** (5) **eternal life, which was** (6) **with the Father and was made** (7) **manifest to us—**

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<sup>8</sup> *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* Conzelmann, H., & Zimmerli, W. (1964–). [χαίρω, χαρά, συγχαίρω, χάρις, χαρίζομαι, χαριτώ, ἀχάριστος, χάρισμα, εὐχαριστέω, εὐχαριστία, εὐχάριστος.](#)

<sup>9</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*

<sup>10</sup> *Theological dictionary of the New Testament*, Delling, G. (1964–). [πλήρης, πληρώω, πλήρωμα, ἀναπληρώω, ἀνταναπληρώω, ἐκπληρώω, ἐκπλήρωσις, συμπληρώω, πληροφορέω, πληροφορία.](#)



(1) In him was life, and the life was the light of men. John 1:4

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, John 11:25

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

(2) I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." John 1:31

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:4

He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 1 Peter 1:20

And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 1 Peter 5:4

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 1 John 2:28

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 1 John 3:5

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20

but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— Romans 16:26

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness; He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. 1 Timothy 3:16

- (3) He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. John 19:35

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 2 Peter 1:16

the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 1 John 1:2

- (4) And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. John 15:27

This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. John 21:24

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 1 John 4:14

- (5) I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Matthew 25:46

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life. 1 John 2:25

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 1 John 5:11

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:13

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20

(6) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. John 1:18

I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." John 16:28

**[3] that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have <sup>(7)</sup>fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

(7) All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Matthew 11:27

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. John 17:3

that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:21

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9

that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, Philippians 3:10

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. 1 John 2:24

**[4] And we are writing these things so that our <sup>(8)</sup>joy may be complete.**

(8) The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. John 3:29

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:11

Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. John 16:24

And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. 2 Corinthians 2:3

always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, Philippians 1:4

Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, Philippians 1:25

Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. Philippians 2:18

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 1 Peter 1:8

\*Thoughts- The first thing to note is the massive list of cross references listed in each verse which speaks to the density of these verses. Also noted is the consistent themes not only in 1 John but in the Gospel of John as well. Of these, 46 cross references, 28 are from John's writings.