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Preparation Questions for Lesson 1

THE WORD OF LIFE

Background Reading

I John 1:1-4; I John 5:13; John 1:1, 14; Genesis 1:1; John 3:16; II Peter 1:15-21; Acts 4:19-20; I Corinthians 6:9-10; II Corinthians 4:7; John 15:11

MONDAY

What name is given for Christ in I John 1:1, and what do you think this name means? (See John 1:1.)

TUESDAY

According to I John 1:2, what has been manifested unto us?

WEDNESDAY

Compare I John 1:1-3 and II Peter 1:15-21. What do these testimonies of John and Peter have in common?

THURSDAY

Read Acts 4:19-20. When the disciples were persecuted and told not to speak about Jesus Christ, what was their response?

FRIDAY

According to I Corinthians 6:9-10, how are people's lives changed?

SATURDAY

Notice I John 1:4 and John 15:11. Where do we find fullness of joy?

THE WORD OF LIFE

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Scripture Memory

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.”

I John 1:1

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he “*Word of Life*” is one of the wonderful titles given to our Lord Jesus Christ. The powerful purpose of the Bible is to reveal the Word of Life to us.

As the Lord opens for us the first epistle of John, we find how quickly He leads us to the Word of Life. The things we find in this epistle are written to believers who “...*believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God*” (I John 5:13).

John wrote a testimony to believers concerning the Word of Life. The Lord Jesus Christ is referred to as the “*Word*.” We all have thoughts, but thoughts are not known until they are formed into words.

In the Word, the Lord Jesus, we have the very expression of God. Christ is the “*Word of Life*.” I trust you know Him as your Saviour.




God reveals to us who He is in the Person of Jesus Christ.

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The Manifestation of the Word of Life

In I John 1:1-2 we find that John does not give us this account as one would give an account secondhand. He states, "I was there! I heard His voice!" Try to imagine the radiant hope in this man's heart as he says, "I have seen the risen Christ! I know He is real! I have handled the Word of Life!"



Has God made Himself known to you? Do you truly know Him?

John's life was changed by Jesus Christ. John says in verse two, "*For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us.*" Christ existed before He came to earth. He was with the Father, and He was manifested unto us.

The Declaration of the Word of Life


You cannot know Jesus Christ without declaring Him. You cannot know Him without speaking about Him. In I John 1:3 the Bible says, "*That which we have seen, and heard, declare we unto you.*" We must declare what we have seen and heard. We "*declare*" Him.

When you love someone and know someone, you are going to speak about that person. If you and I are not talking about Christ, it is because something is wrong with our knowledge of Jesus

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Christ and our love for Him. We know the facts and ideas and cute, religious expressions to give; but Christ has become nearly meaningless to us. How shameful!

The first-century disciples suffered severe persecution because of their faith. In Acts chapter four, they were told not to speak. They were beaten and threatened. We read in Acts 4:20 that they said, "*For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.*" They could not keep themselves from speaking about Christ because of what He had done for them.



True followers of Jesus Christ cannot be silenced.

The Possession of the Word of Life

Read I John 1:3-4. How are the lives of people changed so dramatically from a life of sin and self-service to a life of true joy in following Jesus Christ? They were changed by the blood of Christ. They were washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God (I Corinthians 6:9-10).

When God manifests Himself to us, He becomes real to us, and then we declare Him to others. As we declare Him to others, they come to know Him, and they find the joy that can only be found in Jesus Christ, the "*Word of Life.*"

Where is the joy the Lord Jesus promised? It is in Him.

Preparation Questions for Lesson 2

GOD IS LIGHT

Background Reading

I John 1:3-7; Revelation 21:9-23; John 1:1-14; John 8:12; John 16:7-11; Amos 3:3; Romans 4:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-24; II Corinthians 5:21

MONDAY

In I John 1:5, what is the message that John heard and then declared?

TUESDAY

Read Revelation 21:9-23. Who is the light in the city of God? What would that city be like without this light?

WEDNESDAY

From John 1:1-14, what do we learn about the true Light?

THURSDAY

According to John 8:12, what must we do in order to have the light of life?

FRIDAY

According to I John 1:6-7, what must we do in order to have fellowship with the Lord?

SATURDAY

In I John 1:7, 9 what does God's Word teach about His forgiveness and cleansing?