

JESUS THE INCARNATE CHRIST

(10/13/2024; Life Group; 1 John 1:1-4; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme: Christianity stands or falls on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the one true God-man who lived a perfect life, died to save us from our sin, and promises eternal life. Therefore, let us believe in Him, be assured of our salvation, and live for His glory with lives marked by joy!

I. Wrong Christology – 1 John Overview

- A. Read the entire book of 1 John. What key themes do you notice throughout the book?
- B. 1 John is a book of contrasts. What are some of the contrasts and critical phrases that you notice throughout the book? Why do you think John uses contrasts and repetition?
- C. What are the Apostle John's primary reasons for writing the book? How are 1 John 2:18-25 and 1 John 5:11-13 helpful as you think about his reasons for writing this letter?
- D. How does John provide assurance of salvation and protect the church from false teachers? Why is assurance so important for Christians? What are the grounds for that assurance?

II. Right Christology – Read 1 John 1:1-4

- A. What do we learn about Jesus' divinity in 1 John 1:1-4? What do we learn about Jesus' humanity in 1 John 1:1-4? What are four different ways that John confirms Jesus' humanity?
- B. Read 1 John 1:3-4. What is the purpose of John's proclamation of the Word of Life to his audience? How does the truth about Jesus bring about fellowship with the saints and with God?
- C. How is the person of Christ and work of Christ central to Christianity? Why is clarity specifically on Jesus as the incarnate Christ, the one true God-man, necessary for true faith?
- D. As you read through 1 John, what are all the different things that we learn about the person and work of Christ? What do we learn from 1 John 2:1-2; 3:4-8; 4:9-10 and 5:11-12?

III. Working Christology – Application

- A. What does it look like to actively believe in Jesus as the one true God-Man?
- B. How would a proper understanding of finding our identity completely in Christ transform the way we live our lives? What impact do you think it would have on your personal joy?
- C. As you think through 1 John, what excites you most about our time together in this book? What area of the Christian life would you like God to grow you the most?