

“Let There be Light”

Text: 1 John 1:1-7

I. EYE-WITNESSES TO THE LIGHT

1Jo 1:1 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, concerning the Word of life--

1Jo 1:2 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--

Consider:

<The value of eye witnesses when it comes to distinguishing Christmas fantasy from Biblical reality

<A lot of validity is given today to the existence of things which can be seen, touched and handled in some way

<what does John claim they have seen with their own eyes, manifested? “That which was from the beginning”

<manifestation = illuminati, overwhelming blinding effect true Revelation has toward darkness

II. THE INVITATION INTO THE LIGHT

1Jo 1:3 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.

1Jo 1:4 And these things we write to you that your [fn] joy may be full.

Consider:

<An invitation is given by those who have seen and handled the light

<The invite into the light is an invite into “Fellowship” (with the Father, the Son and the Family of God)

<The many benefits of “Fellowship” and the outcome of a life without

<The aforementioned benefit in the text “that your joy may be full”

<Joy = what “full” vs. “empty” looks like in today’s world

III. REAL LIFE IN THE LIGHT

1Jo 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1Jo 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Consider:

<Life in the light is living in light of God's presence, His will and purpose for your life

<Life in the light dispels and retracts darkness

<True fellowship with God does not involve "walking in darkness" (an ongoing comfort without his presence, power and fellowship)

<"Walking" in the light, as He is in the light (following Christ through "Identifying" with His sacrifice on the Cross for the remission of our sins, and consistent, enduring fellowship with His people)