

Christians Experience God

1 John 1:1-7 (4:13-16)

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September 12:	Victorious Living, 1 John 2:17-29,	Christians overcome the world and live in victory.

1. Interwoven Themes

5 Major themes of 1 John.

- Experiencing God—Jesus
- Obedience—forgiveness of sin, avoidance of sin, living above sin.
- Love—Loving God, loving others.
- Confidence—Assurance
- Victorious Living—Living an overcoming life.

Themes described in a repeated poetic triplet 1 John 2:12-14

- Children—sins forgiven
- Father—known Him who is from the beginning
- Young men—overcome the evil one.
- Children—know the father
- Fathers—known Him who is from the beginning
- Young men—overcome the evil one.

2. Knowledge of God

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.

—1 John 1:3

2 Kinds of Knowledge

- Mental, head knowledge
- Experiential, relational knowledge

Confession—leads to conversion

(Head knowledge, volitional)

Communion—leads to confidence

(Relational knowledge, experiential)

3. **Experience** of God in Christ.

Read the introduction to 1 John in the Pew Bibles page 1898, one the best non-theological introductions in simple language of the issues surrounding 1 John.

Vs. 1, “*That which was from the beginning...*”

Jesus is God. Jesus already existed in the beginning. Read John 1:1.

Vs. 1, Notice the eye witness account of the human Jesus.

We heard.

We saw.

We have looked upon.

Our hands have touched. (See Luke 24:39)

Intimate Communion—**Fellowship**

- You may have fellowship with us.
- Our fellowship is with the Father and Jesus Christ.
- Fellowship with Jesus is to walk in the light.

Intimate Communion—**Continual** cleansing from sin

Intimate Communion—an **ongoing personal relationship** with a risen, living, coming Savior and King.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

—Psalm 34:8

Trust Him, experience Him. (Revelation 3:20)

- Life Changing Experience.
- Life Long Experience.
- An Eternal Life Experience.