



First Epistle of John (Lesson # 3)

1 John 1:3-4 – Reality of the Incarnation Part 2

1st John has 5 chapters

1 Preface 1:1-4

2 God is Light, so His children ought to walk in the Light 1:5-2:29

3 God is Love, so His children ought to walk in the Love 3:1-5:12

4 Conclusion 5:13-21

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² (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;)

³ That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

⁴ And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.



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² and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

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Ὅ [pro relative acc neut pl ὅς, ἡ, ὅ] **what, things** refers to things of Christ
ἐώρακαμεν [v ind perf act 1p pl ὁράω] **we have seen** sense perception see
καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even
ἀκηκόαμεν, [v ind perf act 1p pl ἀκούω] **we have heard** sense perception hear
ἀπαγγέλλομεν [v ind pres act 1p pl ἀπαγγέλλω] **we are proclaiming**, declaring
Danker: to relate as the result of personal experience, observation, or other source of information', with ἀπό **defining the movement of information** from one source to another **relate, report, declare**
ὑμῖν [pers pro dative 2p pl σύ] **to you**

**** My literal translation**

What we have seen and we have heard we are proclaiming to you



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ἵνα [conj ἵνα] used to introduce purpose or goal *that, in order that, so that*

καὶ [conj, καί] and, **also**, even

ὁμοῖς [pers pro nom 2p pl σύ] **you**

κοινωνίαν [n acc fem s κοινωνία] **fellowship**,

Danker: close association in shared interest’ or ‘shared community life’

ἔχετε [v subj pres act 2p pl ἔχω] **may be having**, *keep, possess*

μεθ’ [prep gen μετά] in fellowship and contact **with**, associated with, John emphasizes that God is Jesus and that He is *with* his disciples (3:2; 8:29; 13:33; 14:9, 16; 16:4, 32; 17:12). Μετά is used — 3 times! — of the future life of fellowship of God with humankind in Rev 21:3.

ἡμῶν·[pers pro gen 1p pl ἐγώ] **us**

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so that also you fellowship may be having with us



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καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even
ἡ **κοινωνία** [art+n nom fem sing **κοινωνία**] **the fellowship**,
δὲ [conj coordinating δέ] but, and, **indeed**
ἡ ἡμετέρα [art+pron possessive nom fem sing ἡμέτερος] **that of us [fellowship]**
μετὰ [prep gen **μετά**] **with**
τοῦ πατρὸς [art +n gen masc sing **πατήρ**] **the Father**
καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even
μετὰ [prep gen **μετά**] **with**
τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ· [art+n gen masc sing] **the Son of Him Jesus Christ**

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and the fellowship indeed that of us with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ

* English is NASU 1995
Greek is from Byzantine Text 1995

6 ** in original word order, italicized 1-3 John # 3
words added if I thought helpful Feb 20, 2022 Roy Smith



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* 4 **And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.**

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even

ταῦτα [pro dem acc neut pl οὗτος] **these things**

γράφομεν [v ind pres act 1p pl γράφω] **we are writing**

ὑμῖν, [per pro dat 2p pl σύ] **to you**

ἵνα [conj ἵνα] used to introduce purpose or goal that, in order that, **so that**

ἡ χαρὰ [art+n nom fem sing χαρά] **the joy**, This is **God's joy** shared with us and through us, by His Spirit, Who now dwells (tabernacles) in us, radiating His own love, **joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance & the totality of God's righteousness** (1 Cor 6:19, Gal 5:22; Rom 14:17)

ἡμῶν [per pro gen 1p pl ἐγώ] ours, **of us** (oldest texts have “of us” .. all believers)

ἣ πεπληρωμένη. [part perf pass nom fem sing πληρώω] **may be made complete**,

very literally, “**having been made complete in the past will remain complete now...**”, a “paraphrastic” participle of the result of this purpose...**very intense**

Danker: ‘cause to abound in content to a maximum’

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and these things we are writing to you so that the joy of us may be made complete.



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*** ³ That which we have seen with discernment and at present is in our mind's eye, and that which we have heard and at present is ringing in our ears, we are reporting also to you, in order that as for you also, you may participate jointly in common with us. And the fellowship indeed which is ours, is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things, as for us, we are writing in order that our joy, having been filled completely full in times past, may persist in that state of fulness through the present time.

* Scripture is from NASU 1995, ** My literal translation

*** Wuest's expanded translation



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A bit of review to stir up our minds by remembrance

- John wrote 5 of the books in the New Testament Scriptures, The Gospel of John, 1-3 John, and The Revelation or Jesus Christ.

John's Gospel is about

Our past

Salvation

John's Letters are about

Our present

Sanctification

John's Revelation is about

Our future

Sharing His Glory

- 1 John takes us as God's children into His **family** and His **fellowship**
- Paul takes us as united with Him **Positionally** complete, and a **Condition** of growing into His likeness as members of His Church



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A bit more of review to stir up our minds by remembrance

➤ **Both the Gospel of John and 1 John have clear stated purposes**

John 20:30 “...that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life thru His Name”

the Words & Works of Jesus that prove His Deity

1 John 5:13 “...that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God”

the Words & Works that ought to follow those who have believed



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There is more... 1 John 5:13 is the 7th stated purpose

1 John 1:3 “...that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

Fellowship with believers and our Father and His Son is God’s purpose here

1 John 1:4 “...that our joy may be made complete.”

Our Joy being made complete is God’s purpose here

1 John 2:1 “...that you may not sin.”

Our not sinning is God’s purpose here

1 John 2:13-17 “...to fathers, young men, and children ... because he that does the will of God abides forever.”

Our victory over all by resting in Him is God’s purpose here

1 John 2:21-24 “...If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.”

Our personal being at home in the Son and in the Father is God’s purpose here

1 John 2:26 “...concerning those who are trying to deceive you.”

Our being warned of deceivers is God’s purpose here



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**Some observations
about 3 more Heptadic (groups of 7) structures in 1 John**

**There are seven traits of the Born Again
1 John 1:29, 3:9, 4:7, 5:1(x2), 5:4, 5:18**

**There are seven tests of Christian genuineness
1 John 1:6, 1:8, 1:10, 2:4, 2:6, 2:9, 4:20**

**There are seven tests of honesty and reality
1 John 1:6, 1:8, 1:10, 2:4, 2:6, 2:9, 4:20**

**And there are 6 references about liars here
1 John 1:6, 1:10, 2:4, 2:22, 4:20, 5:10**



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John was used to reveal these things of God
Salvation, Sanctification, & Sharing His Glory,
He creates us, He lives in us, His Glory is seen through us,
and His Glory will forever be praised.

So... What are God's things revealed in these 2 verses?

The focus is on
Fellowship and Joy

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Notice the way God communicates
He proclaims in writing



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Fellowship and Joy

Fellowship is in Greek, koinonia, and means:

Fellowship, a close mutual relationship, partnership, communion

In 1 John this is **a sharing relationship in God's family**

Fellowship in God's family is two-dimensional:

--**Horizontal**: fellowship with one another of the same kind, brethren

--**Vertical**: with our Father and with His Son Jesus Christ

There are two families in this world. Jesus said to the pharisees
“you are of your father the devil” John 8:44

You can not “join” God's family, you must be born into it
“unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Jn 3:3

We hear Him through His Word, He hears us through our prayers
“Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and thy word was unto
me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart... “ Jer 15:16



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Joy is in Greek, *kara*, and means: delight, pleasure, joy, satisfaction

➤ **God's gift of His joy is that settled state of our new heart being totally delighted and satisfied in God and His family**

This is produced by God the Spirit as part of His "fruit" in every believer.

"the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Gal 5:22-23**

"make my **joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Phil 2:2**

"For you are our glory and **joy" 1 Th 2:20**



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- Jesus promised His joy would come to us with the Holy Spirit...
“These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy** may be in you, and **that your joy** may be made full.” Jn 15:11
- Jesus made this promise in the context of His command to love one another with His kind of love...
“This is My commandment, **that you love one another, just as I have loved you.**” John 15:12
- Jesus had knowledge of this great joy as He endured the cross to satisfy the offence of our sin, and to show us how much God loves us
“fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for **the joy set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Heb 12:2