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The book of 1 John was likely written between 85 and 90 AD according to “got questions”. Some believe it was written to the Parthian Jews, but where and what is Parthia?

***Acts 2:9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,***

Parthia was in what is today’s Iran and stretched some distance both east and west. This is an excerpt from Smith’s Bible Dictionary:

*“Parthia was a power almost rivalling Rome --the only existing power which had tried its strength against Rome and not been worsted in the encounter. The Parthian dominion lasted for nearly five centuries, commencing in the third century before and terminating in the third century after our era. The Parthians spoke the Persian language.”*

The reason it is mentioned in Acts was that there were Parthian Jews at Pentecost and it is believed that those present at Pentecost returned home and spread what they had heard and seen in Jerusalem planting the first fruits of Christianity in Parthian.

Further conjecture by some Bible Scholars believe that John the Apostle had written this letter to them. Other Scholars believe it was not written to any particular person or local church but to all Believers.

In either case the depth of Love and Faith from John is meant to build each Believer up Spiritual. John repeatedly points out the danger of being of the world, speaking as a Christian but living as a person of the world. There is a critical yet under taught doctrine involving the Judgement Seat of Christ. We discussed that last Sunday. We as Believers every one of us will stand before Jesus at His Judgement Seat often called the Bema Seat Judgement. If you missed that I will post that study on our web site [livingmontanabiblestudy.com](http://livingmontanabiblestudy.com) this week.

## **1 John 1**

### **The Word of Life**

**[\(Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23\)](#)**

**1That 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;**

Not that the Apostle John needs any bonafides so what he presents here is that he was able to walk with Christ during His

ministry. John and his brother James were with Christ from the beginning of His ministry so John states; “from the beginning”. John then declares he heard the things Jesus said and saw the things Jesus did with his eyes, handled things that Christ provided such as the five loaves and fishes that feed the thousands. All of those things compiled gave a earthly picture of the Word of life; Jesus the Christ the Messiah.

Luke even though not an eyewitness Luke through his research recounts perhaps one of the most striking statements by Christ about how His disciples could see Him after He was raised from the dead.

***Luke 24: [36](#)And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. [37](#)But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. [38](#)And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? [39](#)Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. [40](#)And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. [41](#)And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? [42](#)And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. [43](#)And he took it, and did eat before them.***

### ***Jesus Opens the Meaning of Scriptures***

***[44](#)And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses,***

*and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. **45**Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **46**And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **47**And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48**And ye are witnesses of these things. **49**And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

That statement is one of the main reasons we as Christians believe that we will as Believers all have resurrected bodies granted at the Rapture to all who Believe. Those in heave currently are Spirit but will be given their Resurrected Bodies at the Rapture as well.

**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;)

After John declared the things he saw, heard, and touched he now in vs 2 declares by the power of the Holy Spirit that this life that was manifested in Jesus or Nazareth was the source of eternal life. John also recognizes that Jesus was eternal, having been with the Father before Creation and the Father manifested Him the Christ in this world as a human being.

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

We were likely all taught that we should be careful whom we associate with. The issue is that we can be influenced in a good or bad way by those we associate with. John is talking about people who would fellowship with he and the other disciples would by default have fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. As Christians we have joy in our fellowshiping with other Christians. There are those of the world that enjoy being around Christians that truly act like Christians that make them a joy to be around. Are we those Christians? Do people feel the joy of the Lord when they are around us or do, they see and hear grumpy complaining people that declare themselves to be Christians but sound more like the world than someone with unspeakable joy in their heart? I can be the poster boy for that type of Christian, and I seek forgiveness and repent of my attitude. I pray that God would fill me with joy the joy I first knew when I came to Christ.

### **Walking in the Light**

**(John 8:12-30)**

**5This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**

“**Darkness** according to Strong’s Concordance.

Phonetic Spelling: (skot-ee'-ah)

Definition: darkness

Usage: darkness; fig: spiritual darkness.

HELPS Word-studies

**Cognate: 4653** *skotía* (a feminine noun) – *darkness*, a brand of moral, spiritual *obscurity* (i.e. which blocks the light of God when faith is lacking). See also [4655](#) /*skótos* ("darkness").”

Darkness as we know is the absence of light, in this case the absence of the presence of God. And the definition of this word darkness embraces the idea that darkness, this moral or spiritual darkness can block God’s Light from being seen by the world.

“**Light** according to Strong’s Concordance.

Phonetic Spelling: (foce)

Definition: light

Usage: light, a source of light, radiance.

HELPS Word-studies

**5457** *phós* (a neuter noun) – properly, *light* (especially in terms of its results, what it manifests); in the NT, the *manifestation of God's self-existent life*; divine *illumination* to reveal and impart life, through Christ.”

If that light is blocked by darkness, then the light is hindered from shining. If we as Christians walk in darkness as opposed to walking in the Light of Christ, then we are part of the blocking of the Light that is Jesus Christ. Our actions and our words can confuse those who do not know Christ. If our words do not match our actions, if we are angry, bitter, without love, then what do we have to offer the dark that prevails this world. How do those we know and love perhaps family, see the Love of Christ if we cannot manifest that in our own lives.

JD Farag says there are only two kinds of people in this world; those that are saved and those that are not save. It knows now color or ancestry, no nation, nor country, only saved and unsaved.

**7But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

“Walking in” is another way of say being obedient. Light and Christ are inseparable, it is not that light illuminates Christ it is that wherever Jesus is, He emanates light. We see this during His reign in the New Jerusalem.

***Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.***

We also see this declaration from Jesus Himself:

***John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.***

There are three words in the Bible that I think are synonymous; The Word, Light and Truth, all are directly related to Jesus Christ and the Father.

**8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

When it says the “truth” is not in us that is synonymous saying Jesus is not in us. The implication is that if we say we have no sin, then that is a lie and lying and Truth have nothing in common. We cannot have both; lies and the Truth operating in us at the same time.

**9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

This promise is iron clad because it is from God. Our goal is to worship God because He is worthy and the means to that is through Righteousness, it is His Righteousness through Jesus the Messiah. That Godly Righteousness is imputed or credited to us by the Blood of the Lamb.

**10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

We of course are the liars; God's nature does not allow Him to lie but our nature is ripe for lying if we do not allow the Spirit to control us.

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