

**Find life
that lasts.**



Life

**It's closer
than you think.**

1 John 1:1

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.”

Life

What we're reading here was written by a man called John more than 1,900 years ago.

John introduces us to someone he calls **the Word of life**.

- He was there 'from the beginning'. In other words, the Word of life existed before time itself.
- This is someone John has also seen, heard and touched. He has known Him in person.

Interested?

John has more to say about this Word of life.

1 John 1:2

“The life appeared;
we have seen it
and testify to it,
and we proclaim
to you the eternal
life, which was with
the Father and has
appeared to us.”

Life

What does John tell us about the Word of life?

- He appeared, He came to earth. The one who is eternal had an address, a job and friends. He knew hunger, grief and joy, just like all of us.
- But He also had a great mission. He came to offer eternal life.

We all know life is short; we're doing well if we reach our 80s. But John is telling us about the possibility of eternal life, life that starts now and never ends.

But what does eternal life actually mean?

1 John 1:3

“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.”

Life

How does John describe this eternal life that Jesus offers?

- He calls it fellowship - in other words, a real and personal friendship, with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ

How is that possible?

Deep down we probably know that we don't deserve to be friends with God. None of us are the people we ought to be.

But Jesus, the Word of life, came to earth, died on the cross and was raised from the dead. He did this to forgive all the ways we've rejected God and hurt other people, if we turn to Him. This is what makes the offer of relationship with God possible.

Elsewhere, the same John wrote this:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 3:16-17

1 John 1:4

“We write this
to make our
joy complete.”

Life

Sometimes we think that becoming a Christian would mean the end of all the good things we enjoy.

But what does John tell us?

- Those who receive God's gift of eternal life find great peace and joy.
- And there is great joy in inviting others into this same relationship with God.

This offer is still going out today. Anyone, whoever we are, can accept the invitation.

We might think that this all sounds too good to be true. Is this joy possible? Can ordinary people be in a real and living relationship with their perfect Creator? Could life after death be more than wishful thinking?

But what if it is true? Wherever you live and work, there will be people today who say that they have received this life through Jesus and know God for themselves.

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can help you find out more
about Jesus? He may well
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John 17:3

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

