

## **CHAPTER 1, The First Epistle of John**

John begins his first epistle like he does his gospel: with a prologue regarding the Word of Life (Jesus Christ) who dwelt in the flesh among men and made fellowship with the Father possible (v1-4). Fellowship with God is maintained as we walk in the light and confess our sins that we might enjoy continual cleansing through the blood of Jesus (v5-10).

### **THINGS TO CONSIDER IN THIS CHAPTER**

- \* The witness of John concerning the Word of Life
- \* The nature of the evidence for faith in Jesus
- \* The basis of our fellowship with God

### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1) What are the main points of this chapter?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) How is John's beginning in this epistle similar to his gospel? (v1-4, cf. Jn 1:1-14)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) How does John describe the pre-incarnation of Jesus? (v1)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What empirical evidence does John provide concerning the Word? (v1)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What does John declare? What does he want to share? Why does he write? (v2-4)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What message has John heard that he now declares to us? (v5)**

**7) If we say we have fellowship with God but walk in darkness, what are we? (v6)**

**8) What do we enjoy as we walk in the light together with God? (v7)**

**9) What if we say that we have no sin? (v8,10)**

**10) What's required to be forgiven of sin and cleansed of all unrighteousness? (v9)**