

THE WORD OF LIFE

CONFIDENT IN CHRIST

CHRISTIANS ENTERING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON NEED TO GUARD AGAINST THE SECULAR COMMERCIALIZATION OF THIS BLESSED HOLIDAY BY KEEPING THE FOCUS ON JESUS.

JOHN ACTUALLY WROTE FIVE BOOKS OF THE NT.

- A BOOK OF _____
- A BOOK OF _____
- THREE LETTERS OF _____

There is nothing tentative or apologetic about what he writes. He does not hesitate to call certain classes of people liars, deceivers, or antichrists. He supplies tests by which everybody can be sorted into one or other of two categories. According to their relation to his tests they either have God or have not, know God or do not, have been born of God or have not, have life or abide in death, walk in darkness or in the light, are children of God or children of the devil.

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THREE AREAS OF CERTITUDE:
BELIEVERS SHOULD BE...

1. CONFIDENT IN THE _____ - THEOLOGICAL CERTITUDE.
2. CONFIDENT IN _____ - MORAL CERTITUDE
3. CONFIDENT IN _____ - THIS RELATIONAL CERTITUDE

I. THE _____ OF JESUS

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human

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II. THE _____ OF JESUS

JOHN RECOUNTS HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF JESUS USING THREE OF THE FIVE SENSES.

- A. I _____ HIM B. I _____ HIM C. I _____ HIM

III. THE _____ OF JESUS

- A. THE _____ OF THE MESSAGE
- B. THE _____ OF THE MESSAGE

The revelation was given to the few for the many. They were to dispense it to the world. Christ not only manifested Himself to the disciples to qualify them as eyewitnesses but gave them an authoritative commission as apostles to preach the gospel...Having heard and seen and touched the Lord Jesus, John bear witness to Him. Having received a commission, he proclaims the gospel with authority, for the Christian message is neither a philosophical speculation, nor a tentative suggestion, nor a modest contribution to religious thought, but a dogmatic affirmation by those who experience and commission qualified them to make it.

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ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NLT | 1 JOHN 2.3 | 1 JOHN 3.14 | 2 JOHN 1.9-10 | MALACHI 3.6 | 2 PETER 2.1 | LUKE 24.39 | JUDE 1.3
1 THESSALONIANS 2.13 | COLOSSIANS 2.8