“Seeking Joyous Fellowship, You Must Testify to the Whole Christ”

1 John 1:1-4

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which
we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made
manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the
Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so
that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son
Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

I. Jesus, as the Eternal Son of God, enjoyed fellowship with God the Father (1:1a, 2b).

II. Then Jesus became Incarnate to have fellowship with you; John is an example (1:1b-2a).

III. Now John testifies to you what He and the Apostles personally witnessed (1:2b, 3a).

IV. This testifying is a means for you to fellowship with the Eternal, Triune God and with Redeemed Man (1:3).

V. And so you should share in John’s joy brought about by testimony (1:4, 3 John 4).