Intro: 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. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1. Jesus is the Light of the World

2. That we may have assurance in Christ

• Not one time does John’s name ever appear in the book. There is no official greeting, no special mention of how is everybody, just jumps right in and starts. Let’s make clear hear that John is telling all who reads these that God is not dead, that He is not just flying off in outer space not knowing who his people are. He has not abandoned the church and that his coming to the world prove alone that He now and will always be with us.

I. Jesus has always exited – 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

• We read this very John in his gospel writings.

° 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5

a. He is the very nature and heart of Life

• It is God’s nature for us to live. God gives life, man accepted death. Our sins have already condemned us to death. Christ has come to give us life and give it more abundantly. It is in the very heart of God to see every soul saved.

° 16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16-17

° 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10

b. He is the very power and strength of life itself

• It is the power and strength of God to keep us living. From the cradle to the grave, up until out time is up God keeps us breathing. Every breath is a gift from God. By his power he has created us and strength he keeps us going.

° 7 then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. Genesis 2:7

° 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Psalms 139:13-15

II. Jesus has proven to be the Messiah – 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

a. John was a witness to hearing the Word

• He heard him teach the message of forgiveness, he heard Him teach to the 5,000, he heard the cry of Lazarus to come out of the grave. He heard the cries from the cross. He heard the first resurrection message from Mary that Jesus is risen. He heard the message to go into all the world and teach the gospel. John was a first account witness to what was to said.

b. John was a witness to seeing the Word

• It is one thing to hear something but if you were to accouple that with seeing things come to pass why that is even better. He saw the Spirit descended like a dove, He saw him walk on the water, He saw the blind eyes to open, He saw Lazarus to come up out of the grave, He saw the empty tomb, He saw the folded grave clothes, He saw the ascension of Jesus, he saw the holy Spirit move on the day of Pentecost.

c. John was a witness in touching the Word

• He saw the women touching the hem of his garment as was made whole, He saw that He touched the eyes of a blind man and was healed, he saw him touch the adulteress women and made her whole, he saw Martha wash His feet with her tears, and he felt the filling of the Holy Spirit, he felt passion of fire that burned within him.

d. John is sharing his testimony of the Word

• This is the reason why John is writing to the hears. To encourage that He (and many others like him) are being true witness of who Jesus is. We to should always be ready to share our testimony to whomever will listen on who Christ is.

III. Jesus is the Word of Life –