

## I. INTRODUCTION

- A. People never panic when the sun goes down, because we know with certainty that the sun will rise the next morning.
- B. That's the kind of certainty God wants us to live with in regards to our faith in Jesus.
- C. Many worldly voices and circumstances seek to undermine our confidence in Christ.
- D. It was the same in John's day and he wrote 1 John to help people live a life of certainty.

*(1 John 2:18-27; 1 John 5:13)*

### **GOD WANTS ALL OF HIS PEOPLE TO LIVE A LIFE OF CERTAINTY IN JESUS THE WORD OF LIFE.**

## II. WHY CAN WE LIVE WITH SUCH CERTAINTY?

- A. We can live with certainty because Jesus is the Word of Life revealed.

*(1 John 1:1-2)*

- 1. We have a greater confidence when the things we have heard of are actually seen.
  - a. John said the life "appeared" — manifested, became visible, clearly seen.
  - b. John said that this God who appeared was "from the beginning."
- 2. This God who appeared in human flesh was not the latest option or human invention.
  - a. This God that appeared is the God who is eternal.
  - b. When the beginning began it had it's beginning because the eternal Word of Life was there to begin it.

*(Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-4,18; 1 John 1:1-2)*

- B. We can live with certainty because Jesus is the Word of Life experienced.

*(1 John 1:2-4)*

- 1. There is a certainty that comes with experience.
- 2. John said he and many others could testify to the reality of Jesus because they had experienced Him.
  - a. "We have seen it" — personal experience
  - b. "We testify to it" — personal witness
  - c. "We proclaim to you" — authoritative declaration
- 3. But the greatest certainty comes in experiencing the reality of Christ who comes to live in you when you believe.
  - a. Fellowship — Koinonia — sharing in common
  - b. The fellowship is the supernatural life Christians share with Jesus and each other.
- 4. John said they had seen and heard and touched, but Jesus said more blessed are those who have not seen, yet have believed.

*(John 20:25-29; Hebrews 11:6; 1 Peter 1:8-9)*

## III. CONCLUSION

2 Timothy 1:7-12