1 John Lesson 4 Outline

The Word of Life

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The Hermeneutics of Humility say, “I’m too humble to think that I could ever know what the Bible really means, and so I can only offer my opinion, and I certainly can’t say that this is in fact the truth.”

John is the apostle of certainties, and this is a very certain epistle.

There’s a key word that appears in the epistle several times; the word is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The major matters of certainty in this letter could fall into three categories. First is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ certainty of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The second category of certainty is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ certainty of the \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Practicing righteousness means obeying God’s revealed law.

Thirdly, there is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ certainty of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

So, John is going to lay down some absolutes in these three categories. They are tests by which anyone’s life can be measured as to its true spiritual condition.

John’s first theme in his letter is the “Word of life.”

The first way that the Word of life is certain, that the Lord Jesus Christ is certainly the Savior, and the gospel is certainly the saving message, is indicated by its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

John is saying I’m giving you the same old message and this is a direct shot at the heretics with their new truth. John says, “I don’t have anything new. What I have is the same old message”.

If anybody comes to offer you some new revelation, it’s not going to be true.

The faith was once-for-all given.

The second way that the Word of life is certain, is that it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Word of life is available to our senses.

John wants his readers to know the truth was real and incarnate and He was here. God became man, divine life was manifest in human flesh.

The eternal one entered time and was with us.

Other scriptures cited: 1 John 2:28, 3:21, 4:17, 5:14, 2:1, 2, 22, 5:1, 20, 2:4, 7, 29, 3:9-10, 22, 4:21, 5:2, 4:7, 5:3; Jude 1, 3, 4; Heb. 13:8, 9; Gal. 1:6-7, 9; 1 John 1:2, 3; John 1:14; 1 John 1:2