



Can People  
REALLY  
Change?

1 John 1:1-4

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- What is the difference between personality and character?



**1 John 1:1-4 (NLT)** *We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life.*

*This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us.*

*We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.*

*We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.*

# Who was John?

- Fisherman
- Called by Jesus
- “son of thunder”
- He was loyal

**Mark 9:38-40** *John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn’t in our group.”*

*“Don’t stop him!” Jesus said. “No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us, is for us.”*



# Who was John?

- A man of passion & short fuse

**Luke 9:55** *When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, “Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?”*

**Luke 9:56** *And He said, “you do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the son of man did not come to destroy people’s lives, but to save them...”*



# Who was John?

- John wrote of “LOVE” and “TRUTH” more than any other in the Bible
- His response to Jesus’ love made the difference.



# 1. John's Testimony About Jesus

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(a) Word of Life:

- “Logos” (Greek)
- Jesus is eternal message, creative Word; living expression of God
- He is the source of life.

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(b) We have heard:

- Jesus spoke with authority
- When Jesus spoke, something happened.



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(c) We have seen:

- Eye-witnesses to all Jesus did.

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(d) We have touched:

- Touched physically
- Touched spiritually

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**John 16:13-16** *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.*

*He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'*



# Fellowship

### 3. You were Made for Joy

**1 John 1:4** *We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.*

- Our joy = your joy

*He touched me, oh He touched me,  
and oh, the joy that floods my soul.  
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