Christ's Salvation - is it Real in Me?
Grace Bible Chapel
1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 1:1-4
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CONTEXT: 1st John was written so that we can know that our faith is true saving faith (1 John 5:13). The Bible emphasizes and warns that there are many people professing to be Christians, thinking they are saved but are not. It is a most important and necessary writing for all persons to know by biblical assurance the reality of their salvation. All people who are justified by faith will also be in the process of being sanctified in their life. 1st John is about the marks of sanctification (the work of God in saved lives), or reality of being in God's defined sanctification process. The epistle provides contrasts with the attitudes and actions of the saved, as compared with the unsaved. John will make this contrast evident throughout this important epistle. The epistle begins with the reality of the Person of Christ. The fact of Christ as God and the reality of His glorious coming to die, save, and transform sinners is the foundation for all salvation.

The Gospel of John	The Epistles of John	The Revelation of John
Emphasis on salvation	Emphasis on sanctification	Emphasis on glorification
Past Gospel history	Present experience	Future hope
Christ died for us	Christ lives in us	Christ comes for us
The Word made flesh	The Word made real in us	The Word conquering

Writer: Apostle John
Date: 85-90 AD (Irenaeus).
Purpose: Assurance of possession of eternal life

Outline of 1st John (underlined is the immediate context)
I. The Reality of the Person of Christ (1:1-4)
    A. The Certainty of Christ (1:1)

Key Words & Phrases
- heard, seen, looked, touched
- Word of Life, Life
- eternal life
- fellowship
- proclaim to you
- joy may be made complete

Introduction:

A. The Certainty of Christ (1 John 1:1)
  1. The Proof (Vs.1)

  2. The Power (Vs.1b)

B. The Communication of Christ (1 John 1:2-4)
  1. The Proclamation (Vs. 2-3)
- Eternal life

- Fellowship

  2. The Blessing (Vs. 4)
- Joy

- Completion

Closing: