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# **Essential Christianity:**

## *Do I Know & Am I Growing in The Real Jesus?*

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People Get Messed Up When Their Doctrine Is Wrong

Satan's Method: Don't Deny Jesus, Just Change  
How People Think About Jesus

### **I Need to Believe in The Real Jesus**

Jesus is God and Became Man

“<sup>1</sup> 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—  
<sup>2</sup> 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” *1 John 1:1–2, ESV*

### **What is John Saying about Jesus?**

He Was from The Beginning **v 1**

He Was With The Father **v2a**

He Was Shown to Us **v2b**

### **Jesus Is Revealed as:**

The Word of Life **v 1**

The Eternal life **v2**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made... <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." **John 1:1-3, 14, ESV**

<sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. <sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross." **Philippians 2:5-8, NLT**

## **Why Is It Important That I Believe Jesus Is God?**

Because Jesus is the WORD that Gives Life **v1**

He Is the Eternal WORD of LIFE **v2**

He Is the Word That Spoke Life in To Being **John 1:3**

He Is the Word That Gives New Life to Dead Souls **Phil. 2:8**

## **How Do We Know What John Says Is True?**

An Unbroken History of Testimony

The Authority of Scripture

Changed Lives

## **I Need to Be Where I Belong**

"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."

**1 John 1:3-4, NLT**

My Heavenly Father Is Jealous for My Protection

God Wants to Move Me from Where I Am to Where I  
Can Grow and Be Safe in The Holy Spirit

Church Is A Place Where I Am to Meet Other People Who Love Jesus  
and Can Help Me Grow in My Relationship with Him

### **How Do I Begin to Find Healing in My Relationship with Jesus and Others?**

Get Connected

Get Growing

Get Going