

GOSPEL GUT CHECK: IS JESUS CHANGING YOUR LIFE?

1 JOHN 1:1-5 (ESV)

John's emphasis: believing the Gospel is an _____ with Jesus that _____ you forever.

I. The Gospel message of the New Testament is passed down from people who actually _____.

The apostles' record of Jesus' life and teachings is trustworthy, because of their...

A. _____ to Jesus,

B. _____, and

C. Method of passing it on.

II. The Gospel is not merely a story or belief system, but a Person to _____ and _____.

A. Through their experiences with Jesus, the apostles learned that He was more than mere man:

1. He is the _____ of _____

a. For Greeks, calling Jesus the Word meant that He was the _____, _____, or logic that undergirds reality (John 1:1)

b. For Jews, calling Jesus the Word from God meant that He was the _____ of all life (John 1:4, cf.1:3FF; Exod.3:13-14).

c. Jesus came to restore the world from _____ to _____ (John 1:4,10:10).

2. He is the _____ of the _____.

- Jesus, as the Second Person of the Trinity, revealed God the Father to us (1 John 1:3, 4:12, John 1:18).
- In doing that, God's character _____ our sin (John 3:18-20).
- If we trust the One whose life convicts us, His light will burn away our dross and _____ us (John 3:16,21).

B. The Gospel invites us to do more than believe some _____ about Jesus. It's an invitation to encounter Jesus personally and be _____ by Him.

III. When a person trusts Jesus, we are born again to a new life — one in which He _____ and _____ us progressively.

A. Jesus _____ and _____ us in our relationships with God and other Christians.

B. As we live in fellowship with Jesus, He also (1) empowers us to stop sinning and (2) gives us assurance of eternal life.