

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Jesus, as the Second Person of the Trinity, revealed  
God the Father to us (1 John 1:3, 4:12, John 1:18).

b. In doing that, God's character \_\_\_\_\_ our  
sin (John 3:18-20).

c. If we trust the One whose life convicts us, His light  
will burn away our sins 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.