

NOTES

Scripture Refs

Gen. 1:1; John 1:1,14; 15:11; 16:22; 20:27; Col. 1:15–17

Ps. 89:20,27; 138:2; Heb. 1:1–2; 2:17; 4:15; Phil. 2:7

Luke 24:39; 2 John 1:9; 3 John 1:4; Gal. 5:22; 1 Thess. 2:19

Reflection & Discussion

1. John wants to make clear that God came to the earth as a man:
 - a. What OT Scriptures foretell of this fact? What NT Scriptures confirm this fact?
 - b. Biblically, doctrinally: why is it necessary that Jesus be fully divine and fully human?

2. 1 John 1:3 speaks of *fellowship* with God, and with each other:
 - a. How would you describe the term ‘biblical fellowship’?
 - b. What other passages in the Bible emphasize that fellowship is more than just ‘social interaction’?
 - c. Besides assembling at church on Sundays/Wednesdays, how else can Christians experience biblical fellowship?

3. Consider the “joy” which John speaks of in verse 1 John 1:4:
 - a. Describe the meaning of “joy” from both a worldly point of view, and a biblical point of view.
 - b. Is being a *joyful person* a biblical call? How do Christians become—and remain—joyful (especially during trials/hard circumstances)?