

## **“FULLY ALIVE”**

### **1 JOHN 1:1-4**

(for background read Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-18)

**Theme:** Christ became one of us, in our world, creating a new way to live fully through it.

**Introduction:** Live fully alive in your world through the eternal life of Christ.

#### **Outline:**

- I. Jesus Christ is the Word through which all things were originally made and is the Word through which all things are re-created.
  - A. The Gospel of John is a retelling of Genesis 1 and 2.
  - B. Colossians 1:16 declares that Christ is the Creator and verse 18 declares that He is the firstborn of the new creation.
  
- II. Jesus Christ came in flesh, dwelt among us, and conformed to us.
  - A. He was the second Adam who obeyed and lived the human life we were meant to live.
  - B. He conformed to us so that we might conform to Him.
  
- III. Eternal Life, through Jesus Christ, is not an escape from the real world but a new way to live fully through it.
  - A. Escaping this world through religion is not Christianity.
  - B. Confining “eternal life” to “going to heaven when you die” was never the intent of the gospel.

#### **Conclusion:**

God’s desire for us is that we, through the power of the Eternal Life, which is Jesus Christ, become what we were intended to be -- Men and women, created in the image of God, worshippers of God in the real, though fallen, world. Christians, fully alive, are able to not only love each other but the world as well just as Christ did. Christians should be the epitome of people fully alive, enjoying and savoring beauty and creativity, relationships with people and God, and conforming more and more into the image of Christ, the new way to be human.

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## Discussion Questions

1. What is the significance of Christ being the Creator of all things?
2. Why was it important for Christ to be fully man while being fully God?
3. How would you describe the “Christ-life” that we are to live in this world?
4. Give examples of “escapism” as seen/heard in the broader Christian sub-culture? Examples in music? Books? Sermons?

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