

## **Finding *Renewal* in the Love of God**

### **Unit 2: Discovering Renewal in the Testimony of the Word**

#### **Study Questions**

*1 John speaks of a variety of ways in which one might use his/her words to testify. Read the passage in the New International Version and respond to the following questions.*

1. Make a list of the number of ways in which John says he and those who testify with him have experienced the Word of Life (1.1-4).
2. What is the difference in this testimony and the type testimony of which he speaks in 1.8, 10?
3. How many different uses for words does the first chapter of the book of 1 John suggest that might one use? (See 1.2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10)
4. What “claims” (spoken words) are being made in 1.6-10?
5. In what way might the life of Jesus be considered the Word of life? Whose word? (see John 14. 9-11—the gospel).

6. Read (the gospel of) John 1.1-3 and 1.10 and note the first three words of these verses in Genesis: 1.3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, and 26. What can we discern about Jesus from these verses?
  
7. Read 1 John 1.1-3. What proofs might you find in these verses that indicate that when John refers to “eternal life,” he is not referring simply to a future life with God?
  
8. Read 1 John 3.16-20. John recognizes that one of the tests in the Christian walk is the assurance that we possess eternal life (5.13). What testimony will sustain us when our hearts condemn us?
  
9. What is the appropriate lifestyle for anyone who claims life in Christ?
  
10. What claims and actions, taken together, constitute the words of a liar? (see 1.6, 1.8, 2.4, 2.22, 4.20).
  
11. By what action or testimony might we testify that God is a liar? (see 1.10 and 5.10).
  
12. Reflecting back across your previous observations in this study, in what ways might a person testify concerning his/her faith in Jesus?

13. Given what you have discerned here, list the ways you can see that Jesus was the perfect Word of God.

14. What does it mean to you (in your life, in your walk) that Jesus **is** the Word of God?