The Life We Really Want

- I. <u>A New Life</u> John proclaimed the new life that Christ came to give us (1 John 1:1,2).
 - Eternal life does not begin when we get to heaven; it has already begun. Jesus
 Christ came to give us an entirely new kind of life.
- II. <u>Fellowship</u> John proclaimed Christ to believers so that we could have a life of closeness with God and other believers (1 John 1:3).
 - God intends us to have fellowship with each other and with God.
 - Our relationships with other believers reveal much about our relationship with God.
 - If closeness with God is our new goal in life, nothing can keep us from achieving it.
- III. <u>Joy</u> John wrote about fellowship because it is the key to real joy (1 John 1:4)
 - The only way to have true joy in this life is through a close relationship with God and other believers.

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