

**SERMON NOTES**  
**“The Word of Life”**

1 John 1:1-4

10/14/18 – Pastor Doug Echols – Bethel Baptist Church

1. The Word of Life is Preeminent (1-2)

- He is Divine
- He is Human

2. The Word of Life is Proclaimed (3)

- We have a new fellowship
- We have a new family

3. The Word of Life is Persuasive (4)

Eight Joys:

1. Enjoy Salvation

Psalm 51:12 – *“Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.”*

Habakkuk 3:18 – *“Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”*

2. Enjoy the Scriptures

Jeremiah 15:16 – *“Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart.”*

3. Enjoy His Strength

Nehemiah 8:10 – *“Then he said to them ‘Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

4. Enjoy Service

Psalm 100:2 – *“Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.”*

5. Enjoy the Spirit

Galatians 5:22 – *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.”*

1 Thessalonians 1:6 – *“And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit.”*

6. Enjoy Soulwinning

Psalm 126:5 – *“Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.”*

7. Enjoy Suffering

Acts 5:41 – *“So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.”*

James 1:2-3 – *“My brethren count it all joy when you fall into various kinds of trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.”*

8. Enjoy Sharing

1 John 1:4 – *“And these things we write to you that our joy may be full.”*