

The description of Jesus (v. 1).

- He is eternally existing (cf. John 1:1).
- He is God's Incarnate Word.
- He is fully God in the flesh—fully human.
- He is the Incarnate Word that brings life.

The proclamation of Jesus (vv. 2–3)

- The gospel (the good news) of life in Jesus Christ was revealed at Jesus' first coming.
- The gospel was proclaimed by the apostles and Jesus' disciples.
- The gospel is what we proclaim and what we should be known for. *“If the message you preach isn't good news for every person from every tribe, tongue, and nation, then it isn't the real gospel.”*
- The gospel is the basis of our fellowship.
  - Our community must actively combat becoming an age-specific, income-specific, or ethnicity-specific group of people (cf. Gal 3:28).
  - Our community consists of those who believe the good news of Jesus. In other words, we have more in common with believers who don't speak our language than we do with central Ohioans who know nothing of Jesus Christ.

The joy of Jesus (v. 4)

- We rejoice in the fellowship of Jesus Christ and his followers.
- We rejoice in the participation of pursuing and proclaiming Jesus Christ.
- We rejoice in the sharing of eternal life in Jesus Christ with others.