

Series: Divine Fellowship
Title: Light of Fellowship
Text: (1 John 1:5 - 2:29)

Relationship vs Fellowship

What is Sin?

1. (Rom 3:23) Falling Short of God's Righteousness.
(1 John 5:17) "*All unrighteousness is sin*"
2. (Rom 3:10-12)
3. (Ezek 36:17) Going our OWN Way. (James 4:17)
4. (Rom 14:23) "*whatsoever is not of faith is sin*"

Who Commits Sin?

1. All Unbelievers: (Rom 3:23)
2. All Believers: (Is 53:6)

A Conditions for Fellowship. 1:5 - 2:2

1. Realize: vs 5

- a. God is light.
- b. God's Light reveals everything: (Psalms 139)
- c. Darkness can have no fellowship with light.
- d. Light is the basis for sight. (John 3:19-21)
- f. The Light of God is a symbol of
 - 1.) His Purity.
 - 2.) His Love.
 - 3.) His Truth.
 - 4) His Holiness.
 - 5.) His Righteousness.

2. "If We" - The Conditions of our Walk.

- a. If we say, Words only, We lie. vs 6
- b. If we walk, Action, Fellowship attained. vs 7
- c. If we say, Words only, We deceive. vs 8

- d. If we confess, Action, sins forgiven. vs 9
- e. Saying Words only, makes Him a liar. vs 10

3. Walking in Darkness. vs 6 (II Cor 6:14)

- a. Fellowship not possible if you're in darkness.
- b. Man claims to have fellowship BUT.
 - 1.) Continues to walk in darkness.
 - 2.) Conduct disproves the claim of fellowship.
 - 3.) Conformity to external practices but no internal peace and purity which Christ gives.
- d. To walk in darkness is.
 - 1.) To pursue our daily tasks without reference to the Will of God.
 - 2.) To live according to the standards of the world.
 - 3.) To seek goals that are selfish.
 - 4.) To refuse the light offered in Christ.
 - 5.) Characterized by.
 - a.) Untruthfulness.
 - b.) Deceit.

e. There remains a separation between us and God as long as walk in darkness.

Is there a Contradiction in Scripture? NO
(1 Jn 1:7-8) vs. (1 Jn 3:9)

4. Walking in the Light. vs 7

- a. Not Speaking Judicial Justification:(Rom 5:1)
- b. Nor of Positional Sanctification: (Heb 10:10)
- c. Not a question of how we walk but, where.
 - 1.) In the light. (Vs 7a)(Eph 5:8)
 - 2.) In His presence. (Vs 7b)(Col 2:6)
 - 3.) All things manifested by Light: (Eph 5:8-14)

All of this is made possible by... (Vs 7c)

- a.) We must love one another. Heb 10:24
- b.) We must assemble. (Heb 10:25)

5. Blood the Only Way. vs 7

- a. No longer dependent on animals: (Heb 9:12)
- b. The Power of Christ's blood. (Heb 9:14)
 - 1.) Christ W/o Blemish. (I Pet 1:19)
 - 2.) Christ Takes away sin. (John 1:29, 36)
 - 3.) Christ Our Passover. (I Cor 5:7)
 - 4.) Christ Worthy of praise. (Rev 5: 12, 13)
 - 5.) Christ Redeemed His people. (Rev 13:8)
 - 6.) Christ Will come & judge. (Rev 6:16; 17:14)
 - 7) Christ, a light for His people: (Rev 21:23)
- d. No remission outside the blood. (Heb 9:22)

6. Self Deception b/c of failure to accept truth: vs 8

- a. Believe in a state sinless perfection.
- b. A believer can say he has no sin.
- c. Darkness has blinded one to his own sins.

7. Man is deceived with his own pride. vs 8

8. Walking in light we are aware of our sinfulness.

9. Confession brings forgiveness & cleansing. vs 9

- a. Confess.
- b. True Walking Spirituality is to confess daily.
- c. Confession is followed by forgiveness.

10. Denial of sin within is a delusion. vs 10

- a. A person realizes sin but refuses to own up.
 - 1.) Pharisee & the Publican. (Luke 18:9-14)
 - 2.) Rich young ruler. (Luke 18:18-20)
- b. This type of person makes God a liar.

(Rom 3:10, 24-26)(Isa 53:6)

11. Do Not Sin. (Ch 2:1a)

- a. My little children.
 - 1) Born ones of God.
 - 2.) We have become part of the family of God.
- b. Christians don't claim to have not sinned.
- c. Christians don't boast of sinlessness
- d. Forsake our sins. (Prov 28:13)

3) Don't over use GRACE. (Rom 6:1)

12. Christ is our Advocate. Vs 2:1-2

Why is this IMPORTANT?

We can now come boldly to enjoy the fellowship of God.
(Heb 4:16)

- a.) Restores the believer fellowship with the Father
- d. God has made the universal provision for sin.

(John 1:12, 29)

How do We Walk in Fellowship with God?

Die to Self: (Lk 9:23) *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."*

Be Filled with the Spirit: (Rom 8:8-14)

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Walk in Fellowship: (Gal 5:16)