

Series: Fellowship Divine

Title: The Way to Our Fellowship

Text: (1 Jn 5: 1-12)

- I. Person of Our Fellowship. 1:1 - 4
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The Way to Our Fellowship. Eternal Life. (5:1-12)

A. Is Tested by Love. The Life of Love. vs 1 - 3

1. Born of God. (vs 1a)

- a. One is a child of God who believes...
 - 1.) Jesus is the Christ.
 - a.) In His redeeming work on the Cross.
 - b.) In His advocate work in Heaven. (Ch 2:1)
 - c. Absolute, positive proof that we are God's Child.
 - d. To deny this fact is to manifest the spirit of antichrist.
 - 1.) Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Mormonism, JW,

2. Love of the brethren: (Vs 1b)

- a. We love God who has made him this new man.
- b. Expression of the new life given by God is love.
- c. Can't God if he can't love his Brothers in Christ?

3. Keeping His commandments. vs 2, 3

- a. We know We Love God by Our Obedience. vs 2
 - 1.) Love is a mark of the child of God. (3:14; 4:11)

- 2.) Love to God is the spirit of obedience: (Jn 14:21)
- 3.) We should seek to please the person he loves.

b. Commandments. (vs 2-3)

- 1.) Means to be obedient to His Word.
- 2.) Love to God is expressed in doing His will.
- 3.) Grievous. Literally heavy, 'burdensome.' .
 - a.) They are not hard to obey.
 - b.) God is not unreasonable in His demands.
 - c.) Christ gives the grace: (Phil 4:13)
 - d.) Jesus told us so: (Matt 11:30)
- 4.) Love is the pleasure derived in obedience.
- 5.) Hard tasks are performed out of love for God.

B. Victory Is Available B/c We Overcame. vs 4, 5

- 1. The World: (James 4:4)
 - a. System of evil.
 - b. Satan.
 - c. Flesh, our Sin nature.
 - d. This godless world is no friend of the Christian
 - 1.) It must be Denied & The Allurement Conquered.
- 2. How to Win? By OUR Daily faith.
 - a. Conflict is certain, BUT Victory is also assured.
 - b. It is OUR faith.
 - 1.) Not the faith of others.
 - 2.) Not the faith in others
 - 3.) That personal saving faith.
 - c. Faith brings the confidence for living.
 - d. Faith is active belief that Jesus is the Son of God.

(Heb 11:24-27)

- 3. Christ secures the Victory In us and Through Us
 - a. Continually depend upon Christ.
 - 1.) For strength.

- 2.) For triumph.
- b. Our whole life is committed to Christ.
 - 1.) Obedience.
 - 2.) Trust.
 - 3.) Love.
- c. The Victory over satan has already been won for us
 - 1.) We are in a battle.
 - 2.) Put on the Whole Armor of God. (Eph 6:13)
- 4. Our overcoming.
 - a. Should become a habit of the Christian Life, (vs 5)
 - b. Through the blood of the lamb. (Rev 12:11)

C. Is made possible by Christ's death. (vs 6-8)

- 1. Water and blood. (vs 6)**
 - a. Water
 - b. Blood referring to Christ's death on the cross.
 - c. Water only. NO, IT TAKES BOTH.
 - d. Witness of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1.) Spirit descending. (John 1:32, 33)
 - 2.) The Spirit.
 - a.) Was sent to comfort.
 - b.) Was given for power.
- 3. Record in Heaven. (vs 7)**
 - a. God the Father.
 - b. God the Word, the Son. (John 1:1)
 - c. God the Holy Spirit.
- 4. Witness in earth. (vs 8)**
 - a. These three agree, confirm.
 - 1.) That Jesus is the Son of God.
 - 2.) That there is no salvation outside of Christ.

D. Is based on Divine Testimony. vs 9 - 12

- 1. The greater witness. (vs 9)**
 - a. 3 witnesses established truth in the OT. (Deut 19:15)
 - b. God is Greater. (Ch 4:4)
 - 1.) He testifies that His Son is who He says He is.
 - 2.) If you have seen Me you have seen the Father.
- 2. The witness in ourselves. (vs 10)**
 - a. Believes on Him.
 - 1.) All of faith.
 - 2.) Faith is not a small matter: (Rom 8:16)
 - b. Our salvation is personal. (10b)
 - c. Man will act either for or against God's truth.
 - d. Reject the witness of God is to make God dishonest.
 - 1.) A person's deliberate refusal. (vs 16)
 - 2.) A fool turns down Christ. (Jn 4:13)
- 3. Life is in the Son. (vs 11-12)**
 - a. The record.
 - 1.) Written in the Book.
 - 2.) Written on the hearts of men.
 - b. Given. (John 3:16)
 - c. Hath, Hath not.
 - 1.) Life, death.
 - 2.) Sin not unto death, Sin unto death. (vs 16)

The Answer: Die to yourself & Be filled with the Spirit
Take Up Your Cross & Follow. (Matt 16:24)