




True Fellowship

Study of 1 John
Oak Hollow church of Christ
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Why John is writing:

1. So that we may be able to comprehend and understand God (the Father and the Son), His word, and the eternal life that he promises us
1. So that we may have true fellowship with each other and with God
1. So that our joy may be “full” and “completed”

1 John 1:5-7 - The Character of God

- What is “fellowship?”
 - Intentionally moving toward a deep communing with one another
 - A holy alliance of love for one another
 - A shared life with others who have a passion for God
- What does it mean to “walk?”
 - “Walking” signifies the whole round of the activities of the individual life
- In order to enter into true “fellowship” with God and with each other, we must “walk” in the light.

1 John 1:5-7 - The Character of God

- “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all”
 - a. God is splendor and glory
 - Psalm 104:1-2, 1 Timothy 6:15-16
 - b. God is self-revealing
 - Psalm 19:1-2, Romans 1:20
 - c. God is totally and completely pure and holy
 - 1 Peter 1:15
 - d. God desires to guide us in our walks
 - Isaiah 58:11, John 16:13, Psalm 32:8-9
 - e. God reveals and knows all things that are hidden
 - Daniel 2:22, Hebrews 4:13

1 John 1:8 - 2:2 - The Character of Man

- Important to acknowledge something about ourselves, we are sinners
 - Romans 3:10-18, 23
- This is not only something that we should acknowledge, but something that we need to confess
 - Confess to God - Psalm 32:5, Proverbs 28:13
 - Confess to each other - James 5:16
- This act of confessing our sin is what brings us to be cleansed by the death and blood of Jesus, which he laid down willingly for us

Conclusion

- In order to enter into true fellowship with God and one another, and be covered by the blood of Jesus, we must:
 - a. Understand who God is, that He is light, and do our absolute best to imitate Him in our lives through our thoughts, words, and actions
 - a. Acknowledge that we are in need of God's grace and forgiveness as sinful beings
 - a. Confess our sins to God, and to each other