

FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 1:5-7

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Fellowship with God”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

1 John 1:5-7

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 **If we say** that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But **if we walk** in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

This is the Apostle John’s Rendering
Of What James was Teaching in His Letter

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Does The “Saying” Match the “Doing”

6 **If we say** that we have fellowship with Him...

7 But **if we walk** in the light...

8 **If we say** , 9 If we confess, 10 If we say...

The Holy Spirit Challenged Us in Three Ways

1.) An Argument vv. 2

2.) An Invitation vv. 3

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1.) An Argument for Putting Your Faith in God vv. 2

2.) An Invitation to Fellowship With God and Us vv. 3

3.) An Identifying Hallmark of the Christian Life vv. 4

1.) An Argument for Putting Your Faith in God vv. 2

The life was manifested, and we have **seen**, and **bear witness**, and **declare** to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us

a.) Argument - Our Faith is Based Upon The Facts

b.) Argument – Jesus’ Style of Relationship & Ministry

c.) Argument – Jesus Changes the Lives of His Followers

2.) An Invitation to Fellowship With God and Us vv. 3

that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

a.) It’s An Invitation That Makes Sense

b.) It’s An Invitation To Experience a Real Relationship

c.) It’s An Invitation Unlike Any Other

3.) **An Identifying** Hallmark of the Christian Life vv. 4

And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

a.) **An Identifying** Hallmark - Secured In Joy

b.) **An Identifying** Hallmark - Empowered By Joy

c.) **An Identifying** Hallmark - Complete With Joy

Fellowship with God

1.) **The Basis** of Our Fellowship With God v. 5

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

The Light of God

a.) **The Positive Basis** of Our Fellowship – Light! v.5

...that God is light

God is not a Light, God does not have a light
His essence is Light, His Being is Light, His Nature is Light

Psalm 27:1
The LORD is my light and my salvation.

1 Timothy 6:16
God who alone is immortal, dwells in unapproachable light,

There is the **Physical** Realm of Light

Genesis 1
Light as a Property

There is the **Soul** Realm of Light

Intellectual Enlightenment - Moral Enlightenment

There is the **Spiritual** Realm of Light

The True Dwelling of God

Satan's Desire is to Counterfeit God's Light

2 Thessalonians 2:4

The Counterfeit Christ, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The Jews

are going to be looking for the light to fill the temple as before...

1 Kings 8:10-11

And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

b.) The Negative Basis of Our Fellowship – No Darkness! v.5

and in Him is **no** darkness at all.

A Double-Negative in the Greek

No/None

and in Him is **no** darkness at all.

No/None... Darkness nor Gray, Only Light!

James 1:17

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Habakkuk 1:13

You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness. Why do You

Fellowship with God

2.) The Breaking of Our Fellowship With God vv. 6

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

a.) The Profession of Fellowship v.6

If we say that we have fellowship with Him,

“I Know God” or “I am a Christian”

Is An Exclusive Claim

Immediately,

It Sets You Apart from the World and Links You Directly to God

To Say You Have Fellowship With God
Is to Announce that You are in Agreement with God

Genesis 5:22

And Enoch **walked** with God after he begat

Genesis 6:9

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah **walked** with God.

? Are You Wrestling with God or Walking with Him?

Amos 3:3

Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

To be in **Agreement** with God is to have **Fellowship** with God

b.) **The Practice of Fellowship**

v.6

and walk in darkness,

Walking “Right” Among Others

Matthew 5:23-24

"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Colossians 1:12-13

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,**

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, **that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;**

2 Corinthians 4:6

For it is God who commanded **light** to **shine** out of darkness, who has **shone** in our hearts to give the **light** of the **knowledge** of the **glory** of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:7-8

7 Therefore do not be partakers with them. 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

Prophetically

1 Thessalonians 5:4-7

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

c.) The Prevarication of Fellowship

v.6

we lie and do not practice the truth.

A Very Dangerous Thing

Is when someone begins to believe in their own propaganda?



Implied in the greek language is that you have become a walking lie



lie

grk 5574 pseudomai (psyoo'-dom-ahee);

to utter an untruth and keep on uttering it or attempt to deceive with word to keep on deceiving.

to Prevaricate is to Lie



practice

grk 4160 poieo (poy-eh'-o);

to abide in a house, to continue on, to perform,

Prevarication is to Live in a Lie

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3.) The Blessing of Our Fellowship With God

v. 7

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

a.) The Walking With God

v.7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light,

if

it's a word that means that, we can choose to do it or not

Walking in the Light, Is to say that you are;

#1

That We're Willing to be led by The Holy Spirit

#2

That We Seek the Mind of God Thru Fellowship With Him

#3

And That We Desire to Incline (prop) Ourselves in the Word

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

David's Heartfelt Prayer & Desire

Psalms 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

b.) The Washing by God

v.7

Ephesians 5:25-26

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; 26 that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

In Old Testament Time, Under the Work of the Law

Exodus 29:15-21

15 "You shall also take the one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram; 16 and you shall slaughter the ram and shall take its blood and sprinkle it around on the altar. 17 "Then you shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put {them} with its pieces and its head. 18 "And you shall offer up in smoke the whole ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering to the LORD: it is a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD. 19 "Then you shall take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram. 20 "And you shall slaughter the ram, and take some of its blood and put {it} on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the lobes of his sons' right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, and sprinkle the {rest of the} blood around on the altar. 21 "Then you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle {it} on Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons and on his sons' garments with him; so he and his garments shall be consecrated, as well as his sons and his sons' garments with him.

The Cost of Sin's Payment

Hebrews 9:22

...and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

A Demonstration of Love

Romans 5:8-10

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

The Way We Were

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God 11 And such were some of you. **But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.**

Ephesians 5:8-13

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Hebrews 11

(Saints in the Light (from God's View))

The End