

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1 John 1:1-10

INTRODUCTION

A. Fellowship defined:

1. Vine's – "1. *koinonia* (κοινωνία, 2842), (a) "communion, fellowship, sharing in common"
2. Thayer – "Fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse...2. Intercourse, fellowship, intimacy".
3. "Fellowship, a close mutual relationship..." – A Concise Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament.

B.

DISCUSSION

I. FELLOWSHIP WITH WHOM?

- A. God – 1 JN 1:3 – Father.
- B. Christ – 1 JN 1:3 – Son.
- C. Apostles – 1 JN 1:3 – "we" – "us".
- D. Brethren – 1 JN 1:7 – "one another".

II. FELLOWSHIP ACCORDING TO HOW WE WALK.

- A. Light – JN 1:4–9; 3:19-21; 8:12; 12:35-36; EP 5:8; 1 TH 5:5; 1 JN 1:5, 7; 2:8-10.
- B. Darkness – JN 3:19; CO 1:13; 1 PE 2:9; RO 13:12; 1 JN 1:6.
- C. Satan – Acts 5:3; 2 CO 2:11; 11:14; 1 TH 2:18; 1 TH 5:15.
- D. Dead In Sin – RO 6:2; 1 PE 2:24; 1 JN 1:7-9; 2:2, 12; 3:4-5, 8-9; 4:10; 5:16-17.

III. HOW CAN I HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD?

- A. Alien – EP 4:18; CO 1:21.
 1. Gospel – 1 CO 1:9; EP 3:9; EP 1:13; CO 1:5.
 2. Believe – JN 6:29; 8:24; HE 11:6; RO 10:17; MK 16:16.
 3. Baptized – MT 28:18-20; MK 16:15-15; LK 24:46-47; Acts 2:38; 8:36-38; 22:16; RO 6:3-5; GA 3:27; 1 PE 3:21.
 4. Repent – LK 13:3; LK 24:47; Acts 2:38;
 5. Confess Faith – MK 1:5; LK 12:8; Acts 8:37; RO 10:9-10; 15:9; 1 TI 6:13; 1 JN 4:15.
 6. "Into"
- B. Erring – 1 TI 6:10; 2 TI 2:18; 1 TI 1:6; 6:21.
 1. Confess Sins – JA 5:16; 1 JN 1:9.
 2. Repent – Acts 8:22; RE 2:5, 16, 21, 22; 3:3; 3:19.
 3. Pray – Acts 8:17-24.
 4. Cleansed – Acts 15:9; 2 CO 7:1; TS 2:14; HE 9:14, 22-23; 1 JN 1:7, 9.

IV. WHAT PRIVILEGES DO I RECEIVE WHEN I AM IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD?

- A. Advocacy – 1 JN 2:1 – Jesus is our "advocate" – not the Holy Spirit!
- B. Prayer – PH 4:6; CO 4:2; 1 PE 3:7; 4:7.
- C. Forgiveness – Acts 13:38; EP 1:7; CO 1:14.
- D. Continual Cleansing – 1 JN 1:7-9.

CONCLUSION

- A. EP 1:3.
- B. Obey the Gospel!