

True Fellowship with God

--I John 1:1-4



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Aim Of This Lesson—

For us to examine ourselves individually by the word of God to see if we have “True Fellowship” with God—The Son—The apostles.

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Scripture text: **--I John 1:1-4 (*nkjv*)**

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 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— 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. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

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- **Many religious groups today claim to have fellowship with God.**
- **Just as John wrote this letter, their claims of fellowship with God are causing confusion today as well.**

“It does not matter what you believe.”

“We are all going to heaven, just different ways of getting there.”

So How Do You Know?

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1 John 1: 3-4 nkjv

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- **John's primary purpose for writing this letter is to tell us how to have fellowship with God, with Christ, and with John and the other apostles.**

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- **Some qualifications of Fellowship—Let each of ask ourselves, “Am I in fellowship with God, His Son and the apostles?”**
 - 1. Walking in the Light.**
 - 2. Obedience to His word—Will—Commands.**
 - 3. Brotherly Love.**
 - 4. Do not love the World.**
 - 5. Abide in the Doctrine of Christ.**

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1. Walking in the Light.

1 John 1: 5-6 nkjv

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.

- **Not simply a matter of talk...it includes your walk.**
- **John is dealing with where a man walks...does he walk in the light?**
- **Are you walking according to God's word...and God's will...striving to do what is right?**
 - **If you do not walk in the light...do not walk according to His Word...His Truth...there is no *fellowship* with God.**

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2. Obedience to His Word—Will—Commands.

1 John 1:8-10 nkjv

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- **One who have fellowship with God agree with what He says.**
 - They do not deny the word of God.
 - They do not make Him to be a liar.
- **Anyone who denies they are a sinner has no fellowship with God.**

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2. Obedience to His Word—Will—Commands.

1 John 2:3-4 nkjv

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

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3. Brotherly Love.

I John 2:9-11 nkjv

⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

I John 1:6 nkjv

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

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4. Do not Love the World.

I John 2:15-16 nkjv

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

I John 2:22 nkjv

²² Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

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5. Abide in the Doctrine of Christ.

2 John 9-11 nkjv

⁹ Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹ for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

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- **It takes walking in the light.**
- **Acknowledging you're a sinner and being in agreement with what God says.**
- **Acknowledging that we are sinners, keeping the commandments of God.**
- **Loving your brother.**
- **Not loving the world.**
- **Acknowledging Christ as a man, as the Messiah, and as deity, and testing what people teach and abiding in the teaching of Jesus.**
 - **This is what it takes to have fellowship with God, the Son, and the apostles. If you do these things, then you can know you have fellowship.**

The Plan of Salvation

Hear

Romans 10:13-17

Believe

John 20:31, Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30

Confess

Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32

Baptism

Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38



How to Make a Request for Prayer **or Baptism**

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