

1 JOHN 1:5-2:2

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

- God is absolute righteousness, absolute life, absolute truth, absolute holiness. There is no unrighteousness, sin, death, falsehood or unholiness in Him. [Psalm 7:11](#); [71:19](#); [Dan 9:7, 14](#); [Rom 3:5, 21, 22, 25](#); [John 1:4-5, 14](#); [John 14:6](#); [John 20:31](#); [Eph 4:24](#); Compare God is spirit, and see on [John 4:24](#): God is love, [1 John 4:8, 16](#).
- God is absolutely infinite in these attributes. There is no opposite of them, only a lack of them ([Matt 5:45](#)).
- John starts the discussion with God's holiness and presents hypothetical conditions ("If We") either in accordance with or antithetical to His holiness exposing all false claims of fellowship ([1 John 2:9-11](#); [1 John 3:15](#); [1 John 4:20](#) cf. [1 John 1:7](#)) and revealing the reality of the spiritual believer's walk with God ([1 John 1:7](#); [1 John 2:4](#); [1 John 2:9-11](#); [Proverbs 4:18-19](#)).
- Walking in the light is not a question of how we walk, but where we walk and with whom we walk ([Gen 5:22, 24](#); [Gen 6:9](#); [Gen 17:11](#); [Gen 48:15](#); [Micah 6:8](#); [John 8:12](#); [1 Cor 3:3,4](#); [Gal 5:16](#); [Eph 4:8](#); [Col 2:6](#); [Col 3:7](#); [1 John 1:5-7](#); [1 John 2:11](#)).
- You cannot walk in the darkness with the light ([1 John 1:6](#); [John 3:19-20](#); [11:10](#)).
- Walking in the light with Him exposes any darkness in us and the blood of Jesus is constantly cleansing us for sin in this state ([Psalm 56:13](#); [Rom 13:12](#); [Eph 5:8](#); [1 John 2:1-2](#); [1 Cor 6:11](#); [Eph 1:7](#); [1 Pet 1:19](#); [Rev 1:5](#)).
- Just as we cannot walk in darkness with the light, we cannot have fellowship with one another without walking in the light ([1 John 1:7](#)).
- A denial of the sin nature in the believer shows a lack of truth in the soul ([1 John 1:8](#); [Rom 3:10ff](#); [James 3:2](#); [Rom 3:9ff](#); [Gal 3:22](#)).
- A denial of personal sins is satanic boast against God and reveals the lack of a renewed mind in His word ([1 John 1:10](#); [Psalm 130:3](#); [Psalm 119:11](#); [Col 3:16](#); [Rom 12:1-2](#)).
- Confession is an agreement with God about our sins. If we agree with Him, we say and feel the same as He does about them. [1 John 1:9](#); [Proverbs 28:12](#); [Psalm 32:5](#); [51:2-5](#)).
- The goal for the spiritual man and woman is for sin to be the exception not the rule. Here is the third promised provision ([1 John 1:7, 9](#)) from God, that if we do sin, we have an advocate who lives to make intercession for us ([Rom 8:34](#); [1 Tim 2:5](#); [Heb 7:25](#); [9:24](#)).
- Jesus' sacrifice was for all sins, all people and all times ([1 John 2:2](#); [4:10, 14](#); [1 Pet 3:18](#); [2 Pet 2:1](#); [Heb 9:26, 28](#); [10:10](#); [2 Cor 5:18-21](#); [Col 2:13-14](#)).