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).