

1 John 002

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God is Light

1 John 1:5-7

I. Introduction:

A. John's letter

1. The apostle John wrote this letter, 1 John, to Christians at the end of the first century.
2. The first part of this letter focuses on fellowship.

B. 2 important relationships in Christian fellowship

1. – Fellowship with the Father
 - a. The moment of salvation the Holy Spirit baptizes us into the body of Christ.
 - b. That means we now have a relationship with God. He's our Heavenly Father & we're his children. We can have fellowship with Him on a daily ongoing basis.
2. – Fellowship with each other
 - a. All saved by faith in Jesus now have a relationship as part of the family of God.
 - b. They're spiritual brothers & sisters in Christ thus can enjoy fellowship w/ 1 another.

II. Our fellowship with God (1 John 1:5)

A. The nature of God

1. – The message is from Him.
 - a. John walked with Jesus in His earthly ministry & heard Jesus teach many things.
 - b. All that Jesus said and taught is not recorded in the Bible. **(John 21:25)**
 - c. The Holy Spirit led John to record what Jesus told him concerning fellowship.
 - d. John was teaching the very words of God as they came straight from Jesus.
2. – God is light.
 - a. God does not just radiate light, He is in His very nature light.
 - b. God does not just demonstrate love, He is in His very nature love.
 - c. These are not just attributes of God, they are His nature. God is light.
 - (1) Light speaks to God's radiant glory.
 - (2) Light speaks of His holiness and purity.
 - (3) Light speaks of revealing. **(John 8:12), (John 3:19)**
 - (4) Light speaks of guiding and revealing.
3. – In Him is no darkness at all.
 - a. Darkness in the Bible stands for a life outside of Christ.
 - b. Darkness represents evil, ugliness, gloom, & all contrary to God's law and nature.
 - c. Two things concerning darkness:
 - (1) Always leads to death
 - i. Many in this world die untimely physical death because of sin & its darkness.
 - ii. In darkness flesh's pleasures are found, but only for a season & w/ steep price
 - iii. To die in darkness means an eternity in hell.
 - (2) The dark is always hostile to the light. **(John 1:1-5)**
 - i. If we walk in the light, as He's in the light, the world will be hostile toward us
 - ii. The darkness of the world tries to overcome the light of God, but it cannot.

III. **Connection Concerning our Fellowship with God (1 John 1:6-7)**

A. **Practical application**

1. Those who walk in darkness cannot claim to have fellowship with God.
2. There is no darkness in God, therefore He will not fellowship with darkness.
3. Liar: John says those who claim such a thing are liars.

B. **Applies to all**

1. John's statement applies to both lost and saved people alike.
2. Lost: Lost cannot claim to have fellowship with God because they are lost in their sin.
3. The lost person's sin separates them from God.
4. It is the redeemed in Christ who can have fellowship with God the Father.
5. It's righteousness of Jesus that grants us the relationship & fellowship with the Father.
6. Christian: John's statement applies to Christians as well.
7. The saved who lives a carnal fleshly life of sin won't have fellowship with the Father.
8. The command is for us to walk in the light because God is light. **(1 Peter 1:15-16)**
9. This means that:
 - (1) – We accept the obligation to be like Him.
 - (2) – We accept the obligation to pursue holiness and shun evil.
 - (3) – We never think that sin does not matter.
 - (4) – We commit to spend our life pursuing holiness with penitent heart when we fail.
 - (5) – We commit to follow Jesus and obey His word.
10. This is how we enjoy daily uninterrupted fellowship with God.

C. **Walking in the light**

1. – We have fellowship with one another. **(1 John 1:7)**
 - a. If we're all walking in fellowship w/ the Father, fellowship w/each other is right.
 - b. There won't be selfishness, gossip, backbiting, slander, anger, or ugliness among us.
 - c. Conversely: Those Christians who are out of fellowship with the Father won't enjoy healthy fellowship in the church.
 - d. Those Christians walking in a life of compromise may bring difficulty in the church
2. – Continual cleansing
 - a. Those who pursue daily holiness, confessing known sin on a regular basis, will enjoy the continual cleansing of the blood of Jesus.
 - b. This daily cleansing is not to be confused with the once and for all forgiveness of sin received at the moment of saving faith.
 - c. Judicially, all our sin, past, present, and future, came under the blood of Jesus the moment we were saved.
 - d. This daily cleansing is that which enables our fellowship with the Father.
 - e. This daily cleansing includes all our weaknesses and failures as Christians, even times we sin and are not aware of it.
3. God is light and in Him is no trace of darkness. Light stands for holiness and purity.
4. Darkness stands for sin, rebellion, wickedness, and being lost.
5. Jesus wants to save you from and out of sin into the light of life. **(John 8:12)**