

# BOOK OF 1 JOHN

## Lesson #2 -Fellowship with God

Scripture Reading: 1John 1:5-2:2

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### Introduction:

1. NOTE: This letter was written to Christians. Only those cleansed by the blood of Jesus can have fellowship with God.
2. We have to be sinless to walk with God.

## I. **THE NATURE OF GOD -1:5, 6**

### A. GOD IS LIGHT

1. The character of light
  - a. He is the Father of lights -Ja 1:17
  - b. He is the Creator of light -Ge 1:3
  - c. He dwells in unapproachable light -1Ti 6:16
2. Opposed to the darkness
  - a. Darkness is the realm of the devil -Ep 6:12
  - b. Darkness is the realm of the wicked -Jn 3:19-21
3. We have been transformed
  - a. We have been delivered from the darkness -Ep 5:8; Co 1:13
  - b. We have been called into His marvelous light -1Pe 2:9

### B. WE MUST WALK IN THE LIGHT

1. When one follows Jesus he will walk in the light -Jn 8:12
2. We cannot walk in both light and darkness -2Co 6:14; Mt 15:8, 9; Am 5:21, 22

– How can man, who sins and falls short of God’s glory, walk with Him? Consider three aspects of Jesus that makes this possible --

## II. **THE BLOOD OF JESUS -1:7-10**

### A. WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP

1. Baptized into one body -1Co 12:13; 26, 27
2. We bear each others burdens -Ga 6:2

### B. WE ARE CLEANSED

1. “Cleansed” -Present tense. Constant process contingent upon us walking in the light.
2. This cleansing is not automatic
  - a. We must confess our sins -1Jn 1:9
    - i. Private sins -Lk 18:13
    - ii. Public sins -2Co 2:1-11
  - b. Keep His commandments -1Jn 2:3; 5:3

### C. WE ACKNOWLEDGE SIN -1:8-10

1. Some deny the state of sin -vs. 8
  - a. They believe sin cannot tarnish the soul
  - b. If so, the truth is not in us

2. Others deny the act of sin-vs. 10
  - a. All have sinned -Ro 3:23
  - b. If we are not sinners, the cross is of no effect

### III. THE AID OF JESUS

#### A. HE IS OUR ADVOCATE

1. That we may not sin
  - a. We always strive not to sin
  - b. If and when we do, we have help
2. Jesus speaks on our behalf
  - a. He is pure (No one else could fill this role. -Ac 4:12; 1Ti 2:5)
  - b. He is our High Priest -He 7:25-27
  - c. He is the just for the unjust -1Pe 3:18
  - d. He bore our iniquities -Is 53:11

#### B. HE IS OUR PROPITIATION -2:2

1. Propitiation - "Paid in Full"
2. Since we have been cleansed, we don't deny sin
3. We confess our sins, we obey God, and we find salvation
4. This grace is extended to the whole world!

#### Conclusion:

1. Gnostics are disputed against -John shows the reality of the body and the blood of Jesus
2. Our help today:
  - a. God is light; we must walk in that light
  - b. The blood of Jesus cleanses us still
  - c. We strive not to sin
  - d. If we do sin, we have an Advocate with the Father!