

1 JOHN

A glowing lightbulb is positioned inside the letter 'O' of the word 'JOHN'. The lightbulb is illuminated, with a bright yellow glow emanating from its filament, and its base is visible. The entire graphic is set against a white background.

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**ABIDING & ABOUNDING
IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

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3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light,

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and in him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is

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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 we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **2** He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

***Main Point:* How to have and
enjoy the relationship that you
were created for**

1 John 1:3 – 2:2

1. A Path to **Union** with God
2. A Path to **Communion** with God
3. Where to look when we feel like we lost our way

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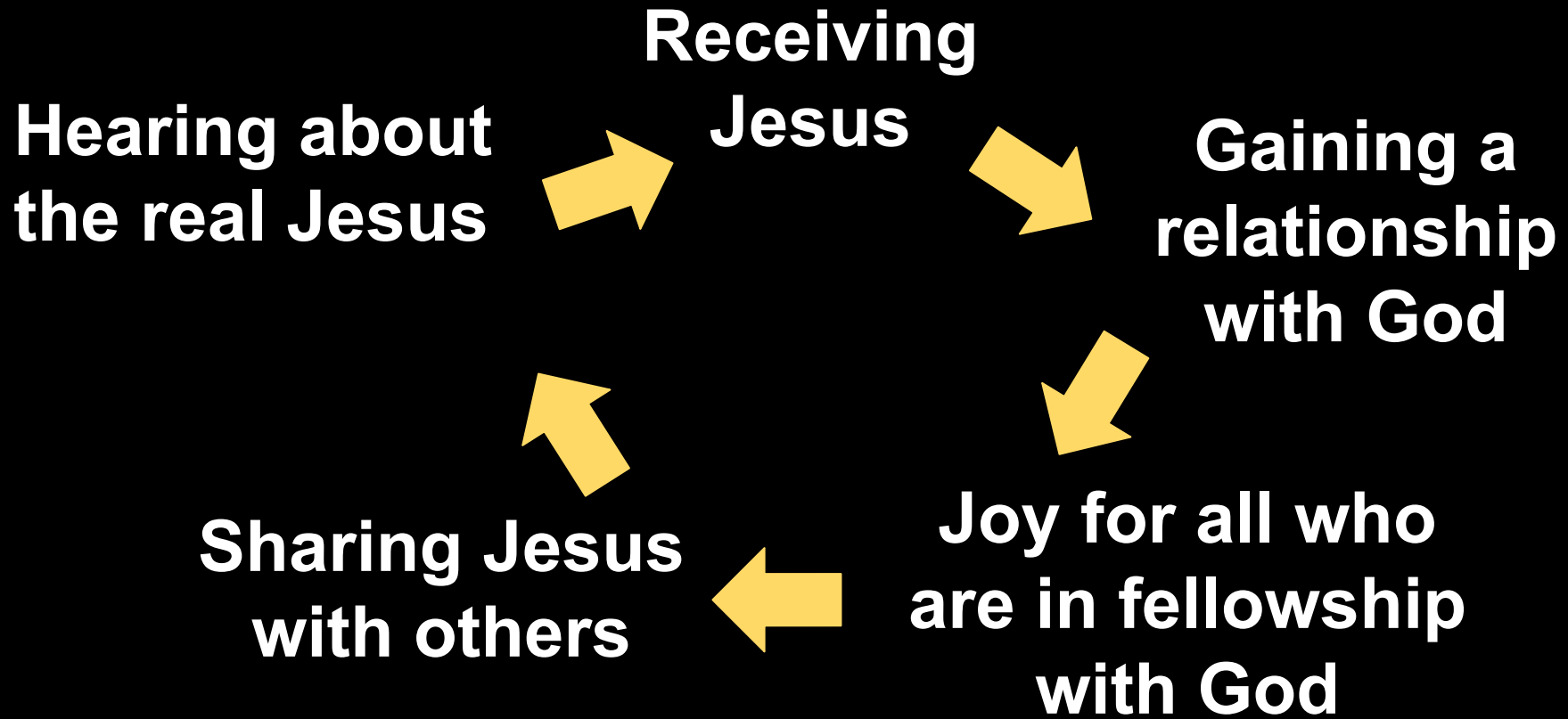
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**“We are brought to God by Jesus;
this is called union with God.”**

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“A Christian is someone who has found joy in a relationship with God as Father through Jesus, and shares that joy with others.”

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- Confess **who God is**
- Confess **who we are**
- Confess **what Christ has done for us**

2. A Path to **Communion** with God

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2. A Path to **Communion** with God

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1 John 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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2. A Path to **Communion** with God

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus his son cleanses us from all sin.

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1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. A Path to **Communion** with God

- Confess **who God is** – He is light
- Confess **who we are** – We are sinners
- Confess the **cleansing you have in Christ**

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3. Where to look when we feel like we lost our way

“He who is alone with his sin is utterly alone... But it is the grace of the gospel, which is so hard for the pious to understand, that confronts us with the truth and says: You are a sinner, a great, desperate sinner; now come as the sinner you are, to the God who loves you.” – **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Application – **Community Groups**

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