

The Character Of Fellowship

1 John 2:28-3:10
Fellowship With God, Part 5
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I) THE THREE STAGES OF A CHRISTIAN'S GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

	<u>STAGE 1</u> At Conversion	<u>STAGE 2</u> After Conversion	<u>STAGE 3</u> At Death or The Rapture
Sanctification type:	<u>POSITIONAL</u>	<u>PRACTICAL</u>	<u>PERFECT</u>
The work is:	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>IN PROGRESS</u>	<u>PROMISED</u>
When it occurs:	In the <u>PAST</u>	In the <u>PRESENT</u>	In the <u>FUTURE</u>
Relationship:	Begins at conversion and continues forever (i.e. we have eternal life).		
Fellowship:	Begins at conversion and continues to the degree that we live in Christ.		

II) THE CHARACTER OF FELLOWSHIP: OUR TESTS AND GOD'S PROMISES

Test 1) Are we CONTINUING IN JESUS until He appears at the Rapture?
(1 John 2:28-3:3)

***The promise: Jesus will one day appear to MAKE US FULLY LIKE HIM.**
(1 Corinthians 15:52-54, Philippians 3:21)

Test 2) Are we OVERCOMING HABITUAL SIN as we prepare for Jesus' appearing?
(1 John 3:4-6)

***The promise: Jesus has already appeared to TAKE AWAY OUR SIN.**
(John 1:29, Hebrew 9:28)

Test 3) Are we DISCERNING FALSE TEACHING by those who claim to know Jesus?
(1 John 3:7-10)

***The promise: Jesus has (positionally) and will (permanently) DESTROY SATAN'S WORK.**
(John 8:44, 2 Peter 1:4)

I John: Fellowship with God

The Foundations of Fellowship		The Functions of Fellowship	
The Conditions of Fellowship	The Cautions of Fellowship	The Character of Fellowship	The Confidence of Fellowship
How to Know You Have Fellowship: Joy Walking in the Light Forgiveness	What to Avoid to Have Fellowship: Worldliness Antichrists Walking Away	What True Fellowship Looks Like: Righteousness Love Discernment	What True Fellowship Does: Overcomes Assures Secures
1:1–2:14	2:15–2:27	2:28–4:21	5:1–5:21

God is Life Light Love

Author: The Apostle John

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