

The Joy Of Fellowship

*1 John 1:1-4, Book Survey
Fellowship With God, Part 1
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I) BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW OF THE EPISTLE OF 1 JOHN

- 1) Author and date: The **___APOSTLE JOHN___**, written between **___85-95 A.D.___**.
- 2) Recipients: Primarily **___TRUE BELIEVERS___**, likely written as a **___CIRCULAR LETTER___**.
- 3) Themes: a) **___FELLOWSHIP___** with God and other believers. (1:3:28)
b) **___FALSE TEACHING___** especially the error of Gnosticism. (1:1, 2:22, 3:8-10, 4:2-3)
c) **___ASSURANCE OF SALVATION___** for true believers. (5:13)

II) JESUS CHRIST, THE FOUNDATION OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Four Vital Aspects Of The Person Of Jesus Christ

- 1) It's vital to **___UNDERSTAND THE TRUE NATURE___** of Jesus Christ. (1:1)
 - a) He is **___ETERNALLY GOD___**, without beginning.
 - b) He is **___SIMULTANEOUSLY HUMAN___**, with a physical body.
 - c) He is the **___WORD OF LIFE___**, the source of spiritual life.
- 2) It's vital to **___PROCLAIM THE ETERNAL LIFE AVAILABLE___** in Jesus Christ. (1:2)
- 3) It's vital to **___EXPERIENCE THE DEPTH OF FELLOWSHIP___** with Jesus Christ. (1:3)
- 4) It's vital to **___KNOW THE JOY OF FELLOWSHIP___** with Jesus Christ. (1:4)

I John: Fellowship with God

The Foundations of Fellowship		The Functions of Fellowship	
The Conditions of Fellowship		The Character of Fellowship	
The Cautions 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

Date: Between 85-95 A.D.

Key Verses: I John 1:3, 2:25, 5:13