

The Basis Of Fellowship

1 John 2:12-14
Fellowship With God, Part 3
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*In 1:5-2:11, John shared four tough tests of the **_QUALITY_** of our fellowship with God.

*In 2:12-14, John shares statements to reassure the **_BASIS_** of our fellowship with God.

I) WHO ARE THE “DEAR CHILDREN”, “FATHERS” AND “YOUNG MEN”?

- 1) “Dear children” represent those **___FAIRLY NEW___** in their faith.
- 2) “Fathers” represent those **___VERY ADVANCED___** in their faith.
- 3) “Young men” represent those **___SOMEWHAT DEVELOPED___** in their faith.

II) THE BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP FOR EVERY TRUE BELIEVER (1 John 2:12-14)

1) To the “dear children” who are fairly new in their faith (2:12, 13c):

- a) It’s based on **___COMPLETE FORGIVENESS___** in Jesus’ name. (2:12, Ephesians 1:7, Acts 4:12)
- b) It’s based on **___PERSONALLY KNOWING GOD_** through Jesus. (2:13c, Rom.8:15-16, Gal.4:6)

2) To the “fathers” who are very advanced in their faith (2:13a, 14a):

- *It’s based on **___CONTINUALLY KNOWING___** Jesus more deeply. (2:13a, 14a, Philippians 3:10)

3) To the “young men” who are somewhat developed in their faith (2:13b, 14b):

- a) It’s based on **___ESTABLISHED VICTORY_** over Satan in Jesus’ name. (2:13b, 14b, Rom.8:37)
- b) It’s based on **___PRESENT POWER_** over Satan thru Jesus’ indwelling. (2:14b, 1 John 4:4)

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

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