

True Fellowship

1 John 1:1-10 (KJV)	1 John 1:1–4 (HCSB):
<p>1. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2. (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 3. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. 5. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is 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 that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.</p>	<p>1. What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life— 2. that life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — 3. what we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you may have fellowship along with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5. Now this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him. 6. If we say, “We have fellowship with Him,” yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. 7. But if we walk in the light as He Himself 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 are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10. If we say, “We don’t have any sin,” we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.</p>

The purpose of the letter of 1st John was written mainly to combat the false doctrines of denying either the incarnation of Jesus Christ (*that he came with real humanity and a truly physical body*) or the Messiahship of Jesus (that he is the Christ). These **hearsays led to certain false behaviors**, particularly a denial of the seriousness of sin. John wrote not only to correct these dangers but to give positive encouragement about true beliefs and true Christian behavior centered around fellowship with Jesus Christ.

The key Term is: **“Fellowship.”**

Fellowship (Greek, koinonia) is partnership with Jesus and partnership with other believers in Jesus. The best preventive against false doctrine is true fellowship.

Christians have fellowship with Christ, who is God incarnate, through walking in the light and through living in love, and as a result they are secure in the eternal life that Christ has given them.

The Teaching about God

God is seen especially is **His relationship to Jesus Christ**. Thus, He is **“the Father.”** Jesus Christ is, in perfect complement, **“the Son” (1-3)**. He is as well **“the Messiah” (2:22)** who came **“in the flesh” (4:2-3)** The Holy Spirit has been given to believers (3:24, 4:13), and He enables believers to recognize and reject every false spirit (4:1-6).

Scripture (s)	Brief Commentary	Cross Reference Scriptures
V. 1. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;	1. Incarnate: (especially of a deity or spirit) embodied in flesh; in human form: 2. Incarnate: means embodied in flesh, personified, or typified. It can be used hypostatic union: <u>the combination of <i>divine</i> and <i>human</i> natures in the single person of Christ.</u>	John 1:1-18 The incarnate Christ
V. 2. (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness , and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)	The eternal Life was manifested to us which was with the Father in the beginning. Now we have Fellowship with Him.	V. 2. (John 1:1, 14)

<p>V. 3. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>That which we have seen and heard and because we believe what we have seen and heard we share as our way of having true fellowship with Jesus Christ and the Father God. What happens in true fellowship? Hebrews 10:24–25 And let us consider how to <u>stir up one another to love and good works</u>, not neglecting to meeting together, as is the habit of some, but <u>encouraging one another</u>, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.</p>	<p>Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.</p> <p>2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit <u>be with you all</u>.</p>
<p>V. 4. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.</p>	<p>Joy is a fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22. Joy is a result of true fellowship.</p>	<p>John 15:11 (HCSB): 11 “I have spoken these things to you so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.</p>
<p>V. 5. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is <i>no darkness at all</i>.</p>	<p>God is the true light</p>	<p>VV. 5, John 8:12 ESV Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”</p>
<p>V. 6. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:</p>	<p>Don't your light if you have been in fellowship with Him</p>	<p>VV.6-7 Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light <u>a lamp</u> and put it under a basket, but on <u>a lampstand</u>, and it gives light to all who are in the house.</p>
<p>V. 7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, <i>we have fellowship one with another</i>, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.</p>		<p>Ephesians 5:8 ESV “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light”</p>
<p>V. 8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.</p>	<p>Fellowship is not deceptive, for true fellowship do not cover anything.</p>	
<p>V. 9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</p>	<p>Confession of sins brings us into a right relationship and fellowship with the God.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:19-22 “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our</p>

		<i>hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”</i>
V. 10. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.		