

What A Fellowship 1John 1:1-10

Fellowship Begins With Faith

1John should help us believe & have confidence in spiritual condition. - **1John 5:13**
Our faith will determine our fellowship

Basis Of Our Faith

1John 1:1-4

Begins as John's Gospel. States Jesus' deity. Both look "the beginning." - **John 1:1-3**
Here is also mention of evidence obtained by physical senses. - **1John 1:1**

Thus, our faith has the assurance of eye, ear and hand witnesses.

Jesus told disciples "see" & "handle" that they might know - **Luke 24:38-39**

Hence, John could say like Peter, - **2Peter 1:16-21**

Possible for physical senses to deceive; courts prefer multiple witnesses

Paul mentions over five hundred witnesses - **1Corinthians 15:5-8**

Apostles didn't deliver by hearsay, human tradition, or conjecture

Through testimony of eye, ear & hand witnesses, we have fellowship with the apostles
(witnesses), the Father & the Son - **1John 1:3**

Such fellowship (which includes our forgiveness, adoption as children of God, promises of eternal life, etc.) is the completeness of joy - **1John 1:4**

Basis Of Our Fellowship

1John 1:5-10

The message from Jesus is that "God is light" - **1John 1:5**

God is the source of all light (physical and spiritual).

Those who obey God are "saints in the light" - **Colossians 1:12**

The Devil and his angels are spoken of as darkness - **Ephesians 6:12; Luke 22:53; Colossians 1:13**

There is no mixture of light and darkness with God.

Fellowship with God is based on walking in light - **Psalms 119:105; John 1:4-9; 8:12**

Impossible to fellowship with God & walk in darkness - **1John 1:6**

If we walk in the light we are cleansed by the blood of Jesus.

This is not a one time shot (baptism) but is continuous action.

We must continue walking in the light of God's word.

The one claiming sinlessness is deceived - **1John 1:8**

Some see the same idea as in **1John 1:10**, but it would seem that the present tense indicates more.
If "the truth is not in us" the blood of Jesus does not cleanse us.

In verse 9, we find our belief about verse 8 strengthened.

Lenski translates it as "*If we keep confessing our sins*" (p. 392).

We are commanded to "confess our sins" - **1John 1:9**

This means far more than to say, "I have sinned." Present active

"We openly and honestly face sin without hiding it or finding excuses for it" (Kistemaker, p. 246).

We must confess our sin to God

To claim sinless perfection is to call God a liar - **1John 1:10**

Sin is a common denominator of all responsible individuals - **Romans 3:23**

Do you know that you have eternal life?

If not, it may be a strong indication that you do not have eternal life.

Is your faith based on the eye, ear and hand witness of the apostles?

Are you walking in the light of God's word?

Do you "keep confessing" your sins?

Without doing so you will not "know that you have eternal life."