

1 JOHN 1:3-10 — FELLOWSHIP

³that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. ⁵This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (1 John 1:3-10)

1 THE BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP — SALVATION

GOD takes care of the basis of fellowship

- No believer is ever out of fellowship. If you were out of fellowship you would not be saved (1Jn.1:6-7).
- Our fellowship is eternal, and the blood of Christ always cleanses all our sin. Believers confess their sin (1Jn.1:9).

2 THE NATURE OF FELLOWSHIP — UNITY

GOD takes care of the nature of fellowship

3 THE DANGER TO FELLOWSHIP — SIN

GOD takes care of the sin problem

4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF FELLOWSHIP

WE are responsible for our fellowship among believers

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Confess our trespasses one to another (Ja.5:16)
2. We must forgive one another (2Co.2:6-8; Cl.3:13)
3. We must bear one another's burdens (Ga.6:2)
4. We are to rebuke sin in one another (Ep.5:11; 1Tm.5:20)
5. We are to restore a sinning brother (Ga.6:1)
6. We are to take special care for the weaker brother (1Th.5:14)

CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES

1. We are to apply Church Discipline when necessary (1Co.5:5; 1Tm.1:20; Mt.18:15-20)