

Fellowship 101

1 John 1:1-10

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"Koinonia" requires a deeper sharing of our lives—our blessings, struggles, and failures. In 1 John 1, we find the basics of sharing life together in a community of believers.

I. The foundation for our fellowship is a relationship with God.

- 1. This relationship is made possible only through Christ. (vv. <u>1-3</u>; <u>John 5:23</u>; <u>14:6</u>; <u>John 1:1-2</u>, <u>14</u>, <u>18</u>, <u>4</u>; <u>1 John 5:11-12</u>; <u>4:10</u>)
- 2. This relationship provides the basis for our fellowship with each other. (vv. 3-4)

II. The focus of our fellowship is a godly life.

- 1. What "walking in the light" means (v. 5; John 3:19-21; Ephesians 5:8-11)
- 2. Why walking in the light is so important (vv. 6-10)
 - It leads to a life of integrity rather than deception. (v. 6)
 - It leads to genuine community. (v. 7a)
 - It leads to spiritual cleansing. (vv. 7b-10)

Two misconceptions about sin:

- a. "I am no longer a sinner." (v. 8)
- b. "I no longer sin." (v. 10; 1 Kings 8:46; Psalm 14:3; Proverbs 20:9; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23)

The only proper way to deal with sin: confession. (v. 9)

Spiritual transformation happens best when we share our lives with a small group of fellow believers.