

**Fellowship:**  
The Bond of Brothers and Sisters in Christ  
  
1 John 1:1-7

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**Focus on the Family**

- A reporter once asked Abraham Lincoln:
- “Mr. President, are you a Christian?”

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**Focus on the Family**

- He Said: “No, I am not a Christian. God knows that I would be, but I don’t understand the bible the way the preachers in Springfield, who so opposed my election, understand it.”

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## Focus on the Family

- “If I could just find the church that had carved on its altar: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all of thy heart, and mind, and strength, and soul, and thy neighbor as thyself, I would instantly join it.”

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## 1 John 1:1-7

- 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.

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## 1 John 1:1-7

- 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.

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## Four Types of Fellowship

- Believer's Fellowship

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## Fellowship With God

- Knowledge of his will (Job 22:21; John 17:3);
- Agreement with his designs (Amos 3:2);
- Mutual affection (Rom. 8:38-39);
- Enjoyment of his presence (Ps. 4:6);
- Conformity to his image (1 John 2:6; 1:6);
- Participation of his felicity (*happiness*) (1 John 1:3-4; Eph. 3:14-21).

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## 1. True Fellowship is Only Through God

### 1 John 1:3

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.**

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## 2. God Calls Us to Have Fellowship

### 1 Corinthians 1:9

9) God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Four Types of Fellowship

- Believer's Fellowship
- Brother's Fellowship

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## Fellowship With Saints

- In duties (Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:1; 1 Thess. 5:17-18);
- In ordinances (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:46);
- In grace, love, joy, etc. (Mal. 3:16; 2 Cor. 8:4);
- In mutual interest, spiritual and temporal (Rom. 12:4, 13; Hebrews 13:16);
- In sufferings (Rom. 15:1-2; Gal. 6:1-2; Rom. 12:15);
- In glory (Rev. 7:9).

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### **1. Fellowship Requires Cleansing**

**1 John 1:7**

**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.**

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### **2. Fellowship Requires Accountability**

**Galatians 2:9**

**9) And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.**

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### **3. Fellowship Requires Bravery**

**Acts 9:26-27**

**26) And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.**

**27) But Barnabas took him, and brought *him* to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.**

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#### 4. Fellowship Requires Acceptance

1 John 1:3

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.

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#### 5. Fellowship Requires Compassion

Acts 11:28-30

28) And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.  
29) Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:  
30) Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

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#### Four Types of Fellowship

- Believer's Fellowship
- Brother's Fellowship
- Broken Fellowship

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**1. We Break Fellowship With God  
When We Follow Temptation**

1 John 1:5-6

- 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:

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**2. We Break Fellowship With God  
When We Are Influenced Wrongly**

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

- 14) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
- 15) And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
- 16) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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**3. We Break Fellowship With God  
When We Refuse Separation**

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

- 17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.
- 18) And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.
- 1) Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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## Four Types of Fellowship

- Believer's Fellowship
- Brother's Fellowship
- Broken Fellowship
- Beginning Fellowship

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## 1. The Deceived Person

1 John 1:8

8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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## 2. The Deceptive Person

1 John 2:4

4) He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

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**3. The Deceived and the Deceptive are Both Headed for Eternal Damnation**

**1 John 1:10**

**10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

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**Jesus Must Cleanse Our Sin**

**1 John 1:7**

**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.**

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**We Must Confess Our Sins**

**1 John 1:9**

**9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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## **God's Word is to Be Kept**

**1 John 2:5**

**5) But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.**

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