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"The God You Long For"

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1John 1:1-2:2 Fellowship w/ God

The best part of being a Christian is fellowship with God! Those who fellowship with God, never grow bored because there is always more of God to know, more joy to be had, greater pleasure to experience!

What Is Fellowship w/ God?

- 1) Heart satisfaction based on Biblical soundness. (1Jn1:1-4; John 4:24)
- 2) Enjoying God's Presence. (1Jn1:4 your joy complete; Ps16:11, 34:8, 63:3)
- 3) Mutual sharing of truth & love. (1Jn1:5 Light = insight/warmth; John 15:12-17)
- 4) Self Denial that gains infinitely more than you lose. (1Jn1:6 don't walk in darkness; Mark 8:34-38)
- 5) Increased desire to connect with other Christians. (1Jn1:7 we have fellowship with one another; Eph. 2:19-22; Jn13:34-35).
- 6) Increased desire to show & tell unchurched about fellowship w/ God. (1Jn1:3-4 his joy won't be complete until they know this fellowship; Acts 1:8; Matt.28:18-20)
- 7) Supernaturally transformed heart producing growth. (1Jn1:9 cleanses us from all sin; 2Pet1:1-9)

How Can I Have Fellowship w/ God? The way we entered into fellowship with God is the way we sustain it and grow in our fellowship with God. (Mark 1:15)

- 1) Repent and (1Jn1:8-10; Eph.4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit)
- 2) Believe the Gospel (1Jn2:1-2; 1Thess. 5:19 Do not quench the Holy Spirit)



Growing

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- 1)** The best part of being a Christian is fellowship with God! Those who fellowship with God, never grow bored, because there is always more of God to know, more joy to be had, greater pleasure to experience! What are your thoughts & do you think most American Christians would say this? Why or why not?
- 2)** Read 1John 1:1-2:2. What stands out to you? What is heart satisfaction without Biblical soundness? What is biblical soundness without heart satisfaction? Why is it necessary to have both when it comes to Fellowship with God (1Jn1:1-4; John 4:24)? What does it mean to enjoy God's presence (1Jn1:4; Ps16:11, 34:8, 63:3)? When was the last time you truly enjoyed God?
- 3)** Light (1Jn1:5) brings both illumination (truth) & warmth (love). Why is fellowship with God a mutual sharing of both truth & love (John 15:12-17)? How does fellowship with God involve self denial that gains infinitely more than you lose (1Jn1:6 don't walk in darkness; Mark 8:34-38)?
- 4)** Why do you think fellowship with God will increase your desire to connect with other Christians (1Jn1:7 we have fellowship with one another; Eph. 2:19-22) & to show & tell unchurched about fellowship with God (1Jn1:3-4 his joy won't be complete until they know this fellowship; Acts 1:8; Matt.28:18-20)? Why do you think the natural result of fellowship with God would be spiritual growth?
- 5)** The way we entered into fellowship with God is the way we sustain it and grow in our fellowship with God (Mark 1:15). Explain. What does it mean to repent and believe on a daily basis in our fellowship with God? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.