

Series: Divine Fellowship

Title: The Person of Our Fellowship

Text: (1 John 1:1-4)

Introduction:

What is Fellowship Vs Relationship?

I. Author. John the Apostle. A comparative companion to the Gospel of John.

A. Openings similar. (John 1:1-18; I John 1:1-4)

B. Common phrases.

1. Only begotten. (John 1:14, 3:16; I John 4:9, 5:1)

2. Born of God. (John 1:13; I John 3:9)

C. Knew Jesus personally. (1 John 1:1 - 4, 4:14)

II. Purpose of the Epistle.

A. Christians were falling prey to the deception of satan.

B. Christians were fighting each other. (1 Jn 2:11)

C. Christians were beginning to love worldly things.

D. False teachers were on the move.

E. Christians were doubting their salvation. (1 Jn 5:13)

III. General Comments.

A. Numerous contrasts.

B. Key Words

C. Key verses. (1:7, 5:13)

D. Key statements. (1:5; 4:8, 16)

The Person of Our Fellowship. 1:1 - 4

A. **Content of the Message.** vs 1, 2

1. A Person. vs 1

a. "*From the beginning*" John 1:1 - 5

1.) Before the foundation of the world

2.) At the foundation of the world.

3.) This is Jesus, God-Man.

a.) Manifested in the flesh. John 1:14

b.) Virgin born: (Is 7:14)(Lk 1:27)

b. "*Heard*" (John 5:24)

c. Seen, looked upon. (Jn 20:20)

d. "*Handled*" (Luke 24:39)

2. Life. vs 1, 2

a. Christ is life vs 1, 2, 5:12

b. Eternal life. vs 2 (Jn 17:3)

B. Purpose of the Message. vs 3,4

1. Fellowship. vs 3 (Jn 17:21)

2. Joy. vs 4, (John 15:11)(Phil 4:4) (Rom 5:11; 12:12)

(Rom 14:17)(1 Pet 1:8)(Ps 16:11)(Col 1:11)

C. Realization of the Message:

HOW can WE have this Joyous Fellowship?

1. By having Him. (Acts 8:5, 8, 35)(John 17:13)

2. By reading His Word. (1 John 1:4)(Luke 24:32)

3. By submission to Him. (Luke 10:21)

4. By the Holy Spirit. (Luke 10:21)(Rom 15:13)

"The fruit of the Spirit is joy" (Gal 5:22; Acts 13:52)

(Eph 5:18)