

“1 John – Dealing with the Obstacle to Genuine Fellowship (2)” (1:5-2:6)

When Conflict arises in Relationships, Look 1st Inward and Upward

– Humbly _____ one’s own Sins, instead of placing _____ on others

Genuine Christian Fellowship is based on a True Knowledge of _____... This Common Knowledge enables Believers to _____ with God and with each other (1:1-4)

**The Reality of Fellowship can be Tested in the Christian Life
in Purity (1:5–2:29) and Love (3:1-5:21)**

Today: Sin Corrupts _____ – the Right and the Wrong way to Deal with _____ (1:5-2:6)

I. Light and Darkness (1:5)

A. Light – the Absolute _____ of God

B. Darkness – Spiritual Blindness; No _____ to the Holy God

When Born Again: Transferred into the Kingdom of Light (Col 1:12-13)

**– _____ exists to have Fellowship and Intimate Relationship with God,
but Fellowship can be _____ if a Believer “walks in the Darkness”**

II. Obstacle to Genuine Fellowship and How to Deal with it (1:6-2:6)

When “Talk” does not match the “Walk”...

A. _____ One’s Sins (1:6): Self-deception

1. No Christian is ever “without Sin” (1:8): _____ remains...

2. _____ (1:7)... Purified through Fellowship with God

B. _____ One’s Sins (1:9-10)

1. Light Exposes Sins, and Sins are Forgiven through Confession

2. Confession of known Sins also Secures Cleansing from All Unrighteousness – Grace!

**God’s Faithfulness Assures Forgiveness; God’s Justice and Holiness
is Un-contradicted because of the Sacrifice of Jesus for mankind**

Reflection: “Familial Forgiveness”...

- A Christian’s Position is not in Jeopardy when Fellowship is Hindered... Confession of Sin is the way back into the Light**
- If you are yet not a Son in God’s Family – Come to Faith in Jesus Christ as your Personal Savior...**

**To Impact the world... Live Authentically
Walk in the Light of God to reflect that Light for all to see...**

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**When Conflict arises in Relationships, Look 1st Inward and Upward
– Humbly Confesses one’s own Sins, instead of placing Blame on others**

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**The Reality of Fellowship can be Tested in the Christian Life
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Today: Sin Corrupts Purity – the Right and the Wrong way to Deal with Sin (1:5-2:6)

I. Light and Darkness (1:5)

A. Light – the Absolute Holiness of God

B. Darkness – Spiritual Blindness; No Life/Relationship to the Holy God

**When Born Again: Transferred into the Kingdom of Light (Col 1:12-13)
– Potential exists to have Fellowship and Intimate Relationship with God,
but Fellowship can be Hindered if a Believer “walks in the Darkness”**

II. Obstacle to Genuine Fellowship and How to Deal with it (1:6-2:6)

When “Talk” does not match the “Walk”...

A. Cover Up One’s Sins (1:6): Self-deception

1. No Christian is ever “without Sin” (1:8): Old Nature remains...

2. New Nature (1:7)... Purified through Fellowship with God

B. Confess One’s Sins (1:9-10)

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