

## **“1 John – More on Dealing with the Obstacle to Genuine Fellowship (3)” (2:1-11)**

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and are given the Privilege and Potential to \_\_\_\_\_ with God, but...  
such Fellowship can be Disrupted by \_\_\_\_\_ – “Walking in Darkness” (1 John 1:6-10)

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- The Correct way: \_\_\_\_\_ from one’s Sins

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### **I. Sensitivity toward Sin**

- A. Exposes Believers to their Hidden Flaws and Sins – Process of \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Raises Awareness to one’s Sinfulness; Fellowship with God brings about \_\_\_\_\_

### **II. Abhorrence for Sin**

- A. Light helps Believers desire \_\_\_\_\_ from All Sin
- B. Reasons why Believers \_\_\_\_\_ against the Stronghold of Sin in their lives

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Do not see Sin as God sees Sin – Total \_\_\_\_\_

Choose to Walk in Light, Fellowship with God, and Live Victorious lives over Sin

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### **IV. Obedience to God’s Word (2:3-11)**

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New \_\_\_\_\_ – a Harmonious/Loving Fellowship with our brothers (vv 9-11)
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