

# Simple Church Series Part 6

## How to Have True Fellowship with God? I John 1:3-2:2

<sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in Him at all. <sup>6</sup> So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. I John 1:3-6

The time between sin & confession of that sin should be timed with a **stop watch** not a calendar! –C.S. Most miserable person on earth is the **backslidden Christian** that is out of fellowship with God!

There are two relationships defined here that are related but different >SONSHIP >FELLOWSHIP

### Two Major Errors taught Today

>Universal Fatherhood of God John 8:44; John 1:12 >Universal Brotherhood of Men 2 Cor. 6:15

After we are saved we need to have fellowship with the Father, Son and **other Believers!**

<sup>7</sup> But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. <sup>9</sup> But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that His word has no place in our hearts... I John 1:7-10

## HOW TO GET RIGHT AND STAY RIGHT

1. Our Sin MUST be Brought to the Light *If we say..(6) if we claim.. (8) if we claim..(10) men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. John 3:19*

### The Great Cover UP!

> We start by lying to others (6) <sup>6</sup> So we are lying **if we say** we have fellowship we can be great pretenders

> We continue by lying to ourselves (8) <sup>8</sup> **if we claim** we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

If we lie enough to others we began to believe it ourselves and justify it not as so bad!

> We then lie to God (10) **if we claim** we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar God says it is sin we argue, no not really not so bad

**We Need to Turn on the Lights** This is NOT God's way of punishment; but restoring fellowship!

A KEY We need to know the difference between **Spirit conviction** and Satanic accusation!

>HS will convict us **Legitimately** Devil accuses sin already confessed

>HS will convict us **Specifically** Devil accuses generally

>HS will convict us **Redemptively** Devil accuses to lead to despair, guilt. condemn

- 2. Our Sin must be Expressed to our Lord** <sup>9</sup> *But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*  
Confess = Gr. homō “same” legeō “to speak” to speak about sin the same way as God does

**Time for True Confessions.....**

>**Immediately** “confess” is in the present tense Rollercoaster vs. Ripples

>**Specifically** *But if we confess our sins* its plural

>**Confidently** *He is faithful and just to forgive us...and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

There are things God can do, must do, and cannot do because of His Nature!

<sup>7</sup>.....and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. I John 1:7

<sup>1</sup>But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. <sup>2</sup>He Himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the **sins of all the world**. I John 2:1-2

- 3. Our Sin must be Expelled from our Life** *My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. <sup>2</sup>He Himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.* I John 2:1-2

Our goal should be to live a sinless life... but just in case you sin.....here is the solution!

Isn't our Salvation Amazing and Wonderful!!!

slave serves cuz he HAS to    employee serves cuz he NEEDS to    son serves cuz he WANTS to  
**Aren't we all three in Christ!!**