

How to have Fellowship with God (Part 1)

1 John 1:5-7

- I. Our Problem – Sin: Closeness with God is difficult for believers because God is holy and because we don't admit or even know our own sin (1 John 1:5,6).
 - A. Light – God's Perfect Standard: We are seeking a close relationship with One who is absolutely perfect (1:5).
 - B. Walking in Darkness – Our Sin: We may claim or think we have fellowship with God when we are actually *hiding* sin or are *self-deceived* about our sin. (1:6).

- II. The Solution – Walking in the Light: Closeness with God is possible if we expose our sin to God and rest in the continual cleansing of Christ (1 John 1:7).
 - A. Walking in the Light: The key to fellowship with God is to continually and honestly expose our thoughts and motives before God (1:7a).
 - B. The Blood of Christ: We can enjoy fellowship with God not because our sin is insignificant, but because of the continual effect of God's grace through the cross of Christ (1:7b).