

The Sweetest Fellowship on Earth

“What Hinders Fellowship?”

1 John 1:4 – 2:2

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† John writes to us so that we may know true joy.

† That joy comes from being in fellowship with God and with one another.

How does God deal with my sin?

Hebrews 8:12, “For I will be merciful to their wrongdoing, and I will never again remember their sins.”

Isaiah 43:25, “It is I who sweep away your transgressions for My own sake and remember your sins no more.”

Jeremiah 31:34, “... the Lord’s declaration: “For I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sin.”

Isaiah 1:18, “Come, let us discuss this,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.”

† Two vital relationships with God: S _____ – established by b _____ and F _____ – established by c _____.

1 John 5:12, “The one who has the Son has life. The one who doesn’t have the Son of God does not have life.”

I. The Conviction of Sin.

The evolution of a lie.

A. We lie to d _____ s _____. This is lying to others. 1:6

B. We lie to d _____ s _____. This is lying to yourself. 1:8

C. We lie to d _____ the S _____. This is lying to God. 1:10
So how does God bring us back?

Know the difference between Holy Spirit **conviction** and satanic **accusation!**

1. The Holy Spirit will convict you L _____.
Psalm 103:12, “As far as the east is from the west, so far will I remove their transgression from them.” The Spirit will convict you of sin NOT yet confessed. The devil will accuse of sin already forgiven.

2. The Holy Spirit will convict you P _____.
Sometimes the devil will accuse you generally.

3. The Holy Spirit will convict you R _____.
The devil will accuse you condemnably.

II. The Confession of Sin. 1:9

What’s the difference in the **admission** of a sin and the **confession** of a sin?

How do you confess your sin?

A. Confess It I _____. Don’t wait.

B. Confess It S _____. Name the sin.

Psalm 139:23-24, “Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.”

C. Confess it C _____. Believe God.

3. The Cleansing of Sin. 1:9 and 2:1-2

Possible Next Steps

- I will memorize 1 John 1:9.
- I will agree with God about my sin.
- I will confess my sin immediately, specifically and confidently.
- I will accept God’s forgiveness for my sins and REFUSE to listen anymore to Satan’s accusations about my forgiven past.