



The Fellowship of Sonlight

1 John 1:1-10

Oakland Church of Christ
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Bible Class 9 AM
Worship Service 10 AM

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SHINE SO
BRIGHTLY
THAT
OTHERS CAN
SEE THEIR
WAY OUT
OF THE
DARK



Eye Witness Testimony

- ◆ **1 John 1:1-2** - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us...

Josephus – Jewish Antiquities

- ◆ About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he ... wrought surprising feats.... He was the Christ. When Pilate ...condemned him to be crucified, those who had . . . come to love him did not give up their affection for him. On the third day he appeared ... restored to life.... And the tribe of Christians ... has ... not disappeared.

Evidence of Jesus Resurrection

- ◆ **Acts 1:3** - He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

An Invitation for Fellowship

◆ **1 John 1:3-4** - 3 ...that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

3 Benefits of Fellowship

1. Fellowship Builds Friendships
2. Fellowship Builds Unity
3. Fellowship Builds God's Kingdom

Open the Eyes of the Blind

- ◆ **2 Corinthians 4:4** - 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- ◆ **Matthew 5:14-16** - 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Come to the Light

◆ **1 John 1:5** - 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Exposure to Sonlight

- ◆ **John 8:12** - 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.
- ◆ **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** - 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Exposure to Sonlight

- ◆ **Philippians 4:4-7** - 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NIV)
- ◆ **James 1:17** - 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Walking in Light vs Darkness

- ◆ **1 John 1:6-7** - 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Walking in Light vs Darkness

- ◆ **1 John 2:4** - 4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him...
- ◆ **1 John 4:20** - 20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

The Importance of Confession

- ◆ **1 John 1:8-10** - 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

5 Benefits of Confession

1. Weight is Lifted
2. Barriers are Removed
3. Repair can Begin
4. Integrity is Grown
5. Community is Inspired

The Importance of Confession

- ◆ **James 5:16** - 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (NIV)