

Fellowship by Walking in the Light

For week of July 30, 2023

V. John's ministry of bringing the saints into fellowship

- a. Fellowship begins with eternal life
- b. John's proclamation of His experience of Christ as the Word of Life was sufficient to bring the believers into fellowship
- c. Fellowship continues in light

- i. God is light

- ii. Fellowship is walking in light

⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:6-7

1. Our relationship with God is unchangeable
2. Our fellowship can be dulled or enhanced
3. Walking in light is living in the essential nature of God. It is not mere imitation. Rather it is to have a living, vital experience of God in His essential being.

Additional words:

1. How do you have fellowship?
 - All walk in the Light; we are mutually related and connected.
 - In the light, we carry out the purpose of God together.
2. If you have fellowship, it will touch everything in your life. It will affect you; it will cause you to live in the light.
3. Growth is not by outward rules but is by the inward fellowship.
4. You don't have to be a perfect person to walk in the light.

A song for enjoyment and practicing: <https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/1353>

Live in the light of life,
Sweet fellowship maintain;
Behold His gracious face,
Each day more glory gain,
The Spirit's move obey,
Rejoice and praise and pray;
Live in the light of life.