

## **Sermon: Koinonia**

**Scripture: Text:** *If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 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, purifies us from all sin.*

*1 John 1:6-7*

**Supporting Scriptures:** Acts 2:1-4, Matthew 22:37-40, Mark 12:32-34, Leviticus 19:18, Deuteronomy 6:5, Psalm 16:11, Acts 8: 20-23

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### **Supporting Thoughts:**

- Fellowship produces a joyful life.
- Fellowship is Christ's answer to the loneliness of life.
- True fellowship with one another and with God is the source of true joy.
- True fellowship with God is based on the truth God has revealed about His Son

### **Questions:**

What problem(s) was John addressing in this letter?

What is the significance of John starting both this book and his epistle by referring to the "beginning" and "the Word?"

Compare Docetism and Gnosticism, what is missing in their teachings?

What is the difference between "joy" and happiness or gladness?

**Challenge: Let your life be characterized by love, service, and respect for others.**

## Summary of verses 5-10

Verse 5: God is light; in Him there is not darkness at all.

Verse 6: If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

Verse 7: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

Verse 8: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Verse 9: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Verse 10: If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

## Suggestions to Keep Your Life Centered:

- Stay immersed in God's Word.
- Remain intimately involved with a church family that will love and nurture you.
- Pray regularly.
- Strive to keep your vows to God.
- Take time to process what God has said, and is saying, to you.
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