

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 88

From Darkness into the Light of Fellowship with Jesus
And Never the Reverse



Jesus is the Light

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



LESSON

1 John 1:5 "This is the message we have heard from Him (Jesus) and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. (6) If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; (7) but 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."

What is said about fellowship in this passage? That John's fellowship IS with the Father and with the Son. John makes it clear he is confident that he, John, is not in any danger of losing HIS fellowship with the Father or with the Son. He is declaring things about Christ and eternal life so the people he is writing to may also have fellowship with John and the apostles and others...the fellowship that John already has.



But then there is that verse...1 John 1:6 that says, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth..."

If a person says that he has fellowship with God and with Christ and yet walks in the darkness, he is lying. But THIS person IS IN THE DARKNESS so you cannot be IN THE DARKNESS and have fellowship with God.



But that is not the question. The question is this: can you HAVE FELLOWSHIP with God and then after that go from having fellowship with God to not having fellowship with God? Let's get to the answer to that question.

In 1 John 1:7 John says, "...but if we walk in the Light as He Himself (God the Father) is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." So here we have a person in fellowship with John, and John's fellowship is with the Father and the Son. So here we have a person who is walking in the Light and has fellowship. There is nothing directly said here that shows it is even possible for someone to go from having fellowship to not having fellowship. Notice by the way, that in the verse used here, there is no "in" fellowship and there is no "out" of fellowship. There is only the question of having fellowship or lying about having it.

Can you have fellowship, and then after that, not have fellowship? It all comes down to whether a person can be in the Light and go back to being in the darkness. Because being in

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