

FELLOWSHIP

Abide 05

November 18, 2018

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Scripture: 1 John 1:1-7

I. Life

¹ ***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**— (1 John 1:1–2).*

*¹ **The Word**, which gives life! He existed from the beginning. We have **heard him**, we have **seen him** with our eyes, we have **contemplated him**, we have **touched him** with our hands! ² **The life appeared**, and we have seen it. We are **testifying to it and announcing it** to you— **eternal life**! He was with the Father, and **he appeared to us** (1 John 1:1–2 CJB).*

¹¹ *And this is the testimony, that **God gave us eternal life**, and **this life is in his Son**.* ¹² *Whoever **has the Son has life**; whoever **does not have the Son of God does not have life** (1 John 5:11–12).*

Principle: If this doctrine is true, every person needs to listen and obey this one particular Jewish man.

II. Fellowship/Abide

*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** (1 John 1:3).*

Fellowship: A personal experience of sharing something significant in common with others. **No one** who **denies the Son** has the **Father**. Whoever **confesses the Son** has the **Father also** (1 John 2:23).

III. Table of Fellowship

*...we are writing these things so that our **joy may be complete** (1 John 1:4).*

*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** (1 John 1:5).*

*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**" (John 8:12).*

*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 (1 John 1:6–7).*

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