

1John 1:1-10

God's Desire for His People

Purpose of the book? A. 5:13 That you might have forgiveness of Sins, B. That you may have fellowship vs. 3, C. That you may have fullness of joy, vs. 4. This is God's purpose for this book Walk in daily fellowship with Him, and with His people, and to experience fullness of joy in Him. The purpose of this book is to help us to grow to that point.

- I. **The Person of Christ-vs. 1-3a** This book, much like John's gospel opens with Christ. Much like Genesis opens with God, John opens with the Word of God, and this epistle opens with the word THAT. In this case, That is a pronoun. Why does it open this way? Because Forgiveness, Fellowship, and fulness are all wrapped up in a person. Not a religion or ritual, but in a person. **5:11-12**
- II. **The Purity of Christ-vs. 5** This then is the message...buckle up, the key is about to be revealed...What? What does that have to do with anything? No darkness at all. God is light.
 - a. **What is darkness?** Biblically, sometimes darkness is associated with wickedness and sin. ***Rom 13:12 "the works of darkness", 2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? Eph. 5:11 "unfruitful works of darkness",*** And in that sense it is true, that in Christ there is no sin. 2Cor 5 He knew no sin. 1 Pet. 2:22 "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:" He is righteous and Holy. What a contrast from who we are.
 - b. **However, most of the time darkness emphasizes a place of confusion. It is a place where there is no understanding of truth, and where sin can be hidden.** It is a place where those who are walking in darkness are unaware of their sin. We were unaware of our problem because there was no light to reveal it.
 - c. **But light is a revealer of truth. John 3:19** When we come into the presence of the light, it is an uncomfortable place to be, because we don't like our sin being exposed. We would rather hide it, conceal it, and convince ourselves it doesn't exist. **When people come into the presence of God, their sin is revealed. Is. 6, Job 42:5-6**
 - d. Vs. 6 The Person who is still walking in darkness is not truly His child, but is deceived.
 - e. Truthfully this is the evidence of a child of God. We know we have sinned. 8-10
- III. **The Promise of Christ-vs. 9** The promise is that we can receive forgiveness of sin by sincere and honest confession.
 - a. **This forgiveness brings us into fellowship with Him, where our joy is fulfilled.**

Are you saved? Have you acknowledged your sin to the Lord, and received His forgiveness?

Are you walking in Fellowship with Him? If not, something is there that needs to be dealt with.

How is your joy? Not your happiness. Not your burdens. How is your joy? Would you like to have joy? It comes from Him...