

## “HOW TO LIVE AS A MEMBER OF GOD’S FAMILY”

1 John 1:1-10

### Introduction:

1. **John is our eyewitness (v. 1, 2)**
  - a. John “heard, saw, inspected, and grabbed hold of” Jesus.
2. **The purpose for writing (v. 3, 4)**
  - a. “fellowship” – Gk. koinonia – to share in common, active participation.
  - b. Complete joy – having stability on the inside regardless of what happens on the outside.

## HOW DO YOU LIVE AS A COMMITTED MEMBER OF GOD’S FAMILY?

### I. YOU MUST REMEMBER WHO GOD IS (v.5)

#### A. GOD IS LIGHT

1. It is God’s nature to reveal himself to us.
  - a. God revealed his GLORIOUS PRESENCE. (Ex. 33:18, 19)
  - b. God revealed his TRUTH. (Ps. 19:7, 8; Jn. 17:17)
  - c. God revealed his CHARACTER. (Ex. 15:11; Dt. 32:4)
  - d. God revealed the way of SALVATION and LIFE. (Ps. 36:9; 62:1)

#### B. JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF GOD.

1. John 1:1, 4; 8:12; 12:36, 46; 14:6; 2 Cor. 4:4; Heb. 1:3
  - a. **Jesus is the image of the invisible God. He is the exact representation of God’s character and nature. He is God in the flesh.**

### II. YOU MUST WALK IN THE LIGHT (v. 6, 7)

- A. “WALK” – to shape your entire life according to the character of the God who is light.
- B. YOU CANNOT LIVE IN SIN AND HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD. (v.6)
  1. The light of God’s truth EXPOSES YOUR SIN.
    - a. John 3:19, 20; Proverbs 28:1
  2. The light of God’s truth GUIDES YOUR JOURNEY.
    - a. John 8:12; Psalm. 119:105

### III. YOU MUST CONFESS THE SIN IN YOUR LIFE. (v. 8-10)

#### A. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A PERFECT CHRISTIAN. (v.8)

1. *“if we say we have no sin...”*
  - a. Don’t be deceived into thinking you have no sin in your life.

#### B. CONFESSION LEADS TO CLEANSING. (v.9)

1. *“he is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse...”*

#### C. GOD CANNOT WORK IN YOUR LIFE IF YOU WON’T CONFESS THE TRUTH.

1. When you deny that you have sinned, you call God a liar. (v.10)