

First words:

A. Our Conviction – **1 John 1:5** - *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. Its source – “*This is the message we have heard from him...*” –

2. Its subjects – “*...and proclaim to you...*”

3. Its substance – “*...that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...*”

B. Our Claims

1. We can make the claim of Fellowship – **1 John 1:6-7** - *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.*

2. We can make the claim of Perfection – **1 John 1:8-9** - *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

3. We can make the claim of Sinlessness - **1 John 1:10** - *If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

C. Our Comfort – **1 John 2:1-2** - *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

1. Our posture – “*My little children...*”

2. Our purpose – “*...I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin...*”

3. Our possibility – “*But if anyone does sin...*”

4. Our possession – “*...we have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ the righteous.*”

5. Our provision – “*He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*”

So...What's it to me?

AUTHENTIC
fellowship

— A STUDY FROM THE BOOK OF 1ST JOHN —

One in Christ . Walking in the Light . Loving one Another . Living in Truth

Keeping it Real

1 JOHN 1:3

So that you too may have FELLOWSHIP with us; and
indeed our fellowship is with the FATHER and with
His SON JESUS CHRIST

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