

Lov'n Holiness "The Key to Fellowship"

2 declarative statements made about God:

God is LIGHT - 1John 1:5

God is LOVE - 1John 4:8

1 John 4:17

2 declarative statements made about the MESSAGE:

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. - 1 John 1:5

That we should love one another. - 1 John 3:11

It is impossible to properly understand holiness outside the context of love and fellowship.

I. HOLINESS – The VERTICAL aspect of Fellowship.

A Christian can either "walk in light" or "walk in darkness": - Ephesians 5:8-15

SIN is well defined for us in the Bible:

All unrighteousness is sin... - 1 John 5:17

UN-RIGHT-eousness: Anything that is NOT RIGHT!

... for sin is the transgression of the law. - 1 John 3:4

Anything that is CONTRARY to what God directs in His word.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-21, James 2:9,
James 4:17, Romans 14:23

We want to be a church that strives for PURITY in our lives, without falling into the trap of CONDEMNING others who are still growing.

A. The PRE-REQUISITE for fellowship with God.

1 John 1:6-7

We PROVE to Him that we want to walk with Him when we...

Love not the world, ... - 1 John 2:15

What might that look like for me in my daily life?

God's GOAL for your daily life is:... that ye sin not. - 1 John 2:1

B. The MARK of True Salvation

1 John 2:4-6

ABIDE IN HIM. - 1 John 2:28-29

II. LOVE THE BRETHREN – The HORIZONTAL aspect of Fellowship. - 1 John 2:9-11

How you treat other believers in Jesus Christ is the MEASURE of your actual level of fellowship with God. - 1 John 3:12-15

Why don't we all agree to adopt a new policy: "NEVER BREAK A RELATIONSHIP"?

Loving others Biblically requires SACRIFICE on our part.
- 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:11

What might that look like for me in my daily life? - 1 John 3:17-18

"I'll pray for you." – sometimes is NOT ENOUGH.
- James 2:15-17, 1 John 4:20-21

GOD'S "LOVE TRIANGLE":

