

"When man fell, various divisions took place. The first and basic division is between man who has revolted and God. All other divisions flow from that."

Francis Schaeffer

"...if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the righteous one. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 2:1

"What we are called to do, upon the basis of the finished work of Christ in the power of the Spirit through faith, is to exhibit a substantial healing, individual and then corporate, so that people may observe it. This too is a portion of the apologetic: a presentation which gives at least some demonstration that these things are not theoretical, but real; not perfect, yet substantial. If we only speak of an exhibit the individual effects of the gospel, the world will explain them away. What the world cannot explain away will be a substantial, corporate exhibition of the logical conclusions of the Christian presuppositions." Francis Schaeffer

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1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2** The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3** We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4** We write this to make our joy complete. **5** This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out 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, purifies us from all sin. **8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us...

2. 1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

John begins by putting God First

If you want fellowship with God you must Listen to Him

Notes...

It's important not just to read the Bible but Study the Bible

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" 2 Tim 3:16

"If you say, Well I like to think of God as this, and kind of make up my own God, you don't have a personal relationship anymore. It's just a projection of yourself." Timothy Keller

Remembering is something that's emphasized as important in the Scriptures

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds." Psalm 77:11-12

If you want fellowship with God you also need to Talk to Him

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." John 5:14

The Lords Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13

If you want fellowship with God you must Walk with Him

Enoch faithfully walked with God (Genesis 5:22) Noah walked faithfully with God (Genesis 9:6) When Abraham was 99 years old, God told him to walk faithfully with him (Genesis 17:1)

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

How is the sin in the life of a someone walking with God different from what Paul and John describe? Confession

Strong's Concordance - Confess 1. properly, to say the same thing as another, i. e. to agree with.

"The cross is where God's mercy and justice meet" Timothy Keller