

The Evidence of Fellowship with God

I John 2:3-6
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I. Review

Fellowship with God who is Light – vs. 1:5-2:28

- A. The message – v. 5
- B. The Test of our Profession – vs. 6-8
- C. The Provisions for Restoration of Fellowship – vs. 9-10
- D. The Grounds for Fellowship with God – 2:1-2

II. Our text for Today

A. The Evidence of Fellowship with God – vs. 3-17

- 1. We keep His commandments – vs. 3-5
 - a. What this entails:
 - i. Loving God: Matthew 22:34-38; I John 4:19
 - ii. Loving your neighbor: Matthew 22:39, 40; Romans 13:8-10
 - iii. Loving the brethren: John 13:34, 35; 15:12
 - b. What this ensures: Deuteronomy 11
 - i. God's strength – v. 8
 - ii. Long life – v. 9
 - iii. Good possessions – vs. 10-11
 - iv. Blessing from nature – vs. 13-15
 - v. Victory over your enemies – vs. 22, 23
 - vi. The perfection of the love of God, I John 2:5
 - c. What it establishes:
 - i. That you love Him
 - John 14:15, 21; 15:10
 - ii. That you know Him
 - I John 2: 3, 4
 - d. A refreshing view of God's commandments
 - i. 1 John 5:3
 - ii. Matthew 11:28-30; Genesis 29:20
 - e. Three reasons to obey:
 - i. I have to
 - ii. I need to
 - iii. I want to
 - Psalm 40:6-8
- 2. We practice Christ likeness – v. 6

a. The example of Christ

- i. John 4:34; 8:29; 14:39

b. The teachings of the Apostles

- i. Ephesians 4:1, 17-23; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; 1 Peter 2:9-12
- ii. This walk is not realized through imitation, but rather incarnation (Galatians 2:20), resulting in transformation (II Corinthians 3:18)