

1 John 1:1-10 **Eyewitness Testimony – Fellowship in Salvation**

What Was Heard, Seen, and Touched (John 1:1-5)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life — 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us — 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

Message of Divine Light

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Fellowship with Him and One Another

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and 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 Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that 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.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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Facts Revealed:

What Was Heard, Seen, and Touched [1 John 1:1-4]

✚ The testimony of the Apostles is well established as the testimony of Eyewitnesses, and therefore completely reliable.

✧ Their knowledge of the truth is based on complete perception of all three senses, sight, sound, and touch indicating full personal first hand knowledge of the truth of their testimony.

✧ Believing the testimony of eyewitnesses is important in our relationship with the Lord and it brings a blessing as Jesus expressed to Thomas.

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" [John 20:29]

✧ John's purpose in sharing his testimony is to provide a basis for common understanding and belief which will provide a **bond of fellowship** among believers, and with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. [1 John 1:3]

✧ Jesus Christ (Messiah) is the **Word of Life** as John had portrayed in his presentation of the Gospel. [John 1:1-5]

✧ Personified **Life** was manifested to eyewitnesses as John had expressed in his Gospel. [John 1:14-18]

✧ The identity of Jesus as the **Son of God** is clearly stated as presented in his Gospel. [John 1:29-34]

Message of Divine Light [1 John 1:5]

✚ The message is presented in accordance to that expressed by Messiah Himself.

✧ God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

✧ The message is given in the light of God Himself where there is no possibility of doubt.

Fellowship with Christ and with One Another [1 John 1:6-10]

✠ Test of Christian Fellowship:

- ✧ **Evidence** of our relationship with Christ and with one another is demonstrated by our daily walk in life.
- ✧ Our claim to having fellowship with Christ is disproved if we do not follow His teachings. [1 John 1:6, Matthew 7:24-27, 28:20, John 14:15-18, 21-24]
- ✧ If we follow the teachings of Jesus we will be walking in the light of the Word which is the evidence that we have fellowship with both the Lord God and with one another.
- ✧ Our obedience to the commandments of Jesus is the basis on which the cleansing of all sin by the blood of Jesus Christ God's Son is applied.
- ✧ The Blood of Jesus is adequate for cleansing from **all** sin.

- ✧ If we say that we **have no sin**, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- ✧ God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness when we confess our sins.
- ✧ If we say that we **have not sinned**, we make God a liar, and His word is not in us.
- ✧ God has said, ALL have sinned. [Romans 3:9-19, 23, 5:12, 11:30-32, Galatians 3:22, Psalm 14:1-3, 53:1-3]
- ✧ Beware lest our mouth testify against us and we prove to be enemies of God.