

## **Foundations For Your Faith - Lesson 7     1 John 1:1-10 NIV Personal Fellowship with Jesus Christ**

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- If we die with unconfessed sins, do we lose our salvation? Explain.**

**Quiz on Lesson 7 NIV**  
**I John 1:1-10 Fellowship with God**

1. The name of the false teaching John was refuting in First John was \_\_\_\_\_.

2. List 5 of John's favorite words used repeatedly in his writings

3. The word "confess" means to\_\_\_\_\_.

4. In regards to our forgiveness, how is God

• "faithful" \_\_\_\_\_ ?

• "just" \_\_\_\_\_ ?

5. Can you match the words with their definitions?

A. Justification \_\_\_\_\_

Our future state when we see Christ and are made like Him in sinless perfection

B. Sanctification \_\_\_\_\_

Our present standing in Christ, declared righteous before God, robed in Christ's righteousness

C. Glorification \_\_\_\_\_

Our present state, in which we are growing in holiness of life and knowledge

6. I am born again into God's \_\_\_\_\_, this I cannot lose!

But if I sin, my \_\_\_\_\_ with God is broken.

This is restored when I \_\_\_\_\_ my sin and accept the cleansing that comes from Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

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**1 John 1:1-10      Personal Fellowship with Jesus Christ**

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John's favorite words: **Life, light, darkness, believe, say (that we believe), truth and lie;** There is the reality and there is the deceit; there is the light and there is the darkness; there is the fellowship and the lack of fellowship, there is love and there is hate, there is life and there is death.

- **1 John has been called “Birthmarks of believers”**, because the book is written for the purpose of assurance. By reading and self-examination, a person can determine if he truly knows Christ as Lord and Savior. It is a composite of true beliefs and true behaviors.

This is how we know that we are truly born-again. Evidences of the New Birth.

**The word “know” is used repeatedly throughout this book**

- *The Gospel of John assumes that people believe that Jesus was human and goes on to prove that He was really, truly, fully God.*
- *In First John, he assumes that people believe that Jesus was God and goes on to prove that He was really, truly, fully human!    1 John 5:6*

**5 Key chapters on the deity of Christ: John 1; John 5; John 8; Col. 1; Heb. 1; Rev. 1....**

Vs. 1-2    How do these verses indicate that Jesus Christ is both God and man?

- 1) **He was from the beginning.**
- 2) **He, though being God, had a body.**  
Jesus Christ is eternal, audible, visible, observable in detail, (scrutinize) as opposed to glance. (Gk. look upon=gaze with intensity)
- 3) **He spoke, and his words had an effect on those who heard.**
- 4) **The things He did were seen, remembered, and recorded by eyewitnesses.**
- 5) **That which He did was looked upon with wonder, awe, and admiration.**
- 6) **He appeared to the disciples after His resurrection, and He had flesh and bones.**
- 7) **He was the Word of Life. The total reality of God in human form.**
- 8) **He made manifest, visible or known to the human race that which was unknown and unknowable**
- 9) **He was eternal with the Father, implying fellowship, without beginning and without end, eternal.**
- 10) **His life was evident in the lives of His followers who believed in Him.**  
(Show unto you) ethical and spiritual qualities.

**Eternal Life; Life Giving Word; Jesus Christ is Eternal Life.**

- **Eternal Life is not a thing, which God gives to us; but it resides in a Person. And when we become united with that Person, we have Eternal Life! 1 John 5:12; Gal. 2:20**
- **All that God gives to us, He gives to us in a Person!**

**There were two kinds of Gnostics in John's day:**

1. **Docetic = Jesus seemed to be human.** Everything physical was evil. He was not physical. They (Gnostics) thought evil resided in matter. It does not matter what you do in the body, it makes no difference at all, because as long as you know the truth it does not matter what the body does, it is evil. You only do good with the mind. It is what you know, not what you do that truly matters.
2. **Cerinthian = Jesus was human,** but the aeon Christ came upon Him when the dove descended upon Him and left at His crucifixion. Jesus and Christ were two different persons. Jesus was only a human being. The Christ was divine. 1 John 4:2-3

**You will hear people talk as though Jesus was dropped into a human body. He took on body, soul, and spirit. He took on human nature. He was fully human without sin!**

**vs.3-4 Give 2 reasons Christ came as found in these verses**

- 1) Fellowship
- 2) Joy

**Joy is the result of fellowship.**

**If we have an in-common (communion) relationship with the Father, then we can have joy. John 15:11 Not the joy of the world!**

**Vs. 5 God is “light” - What does this mean in the context of the entire chapter?**

*Truth, holiness, and purity. HE IS LIGHT, HE IS LOVE*

*Light = purity, holiness, truth, justice – as opposed to the darkness of sin*

**Vs. 6 What does “darkness” refer to in this same context?**

*It is the absence of all light, i.e. holiness and purity*

*Sin is the absence of truth, holiness, and purity.*

**Vs. 7 What is necessary for one believer to have a true and fullness of fellowship with other believers?**

*To be in true fellowship with God. To be reconciled, in harmony, in relationship (Out of fellowship with God I am miserable and alienated.)*

**Vs. 8 Can we reach a state of sinless perfection in this life?**

**(That is, can we achieve a level of spirituality so that we no longer sin?) NO**

*In my standing... I am perfect in God's sight in Christ*

*In my state... I am imperfect and in progress in my journey of growth*

*I am justified, but not fully sanctified.*

**vs. 8, 10 = our state.**

**Romans 6-7, Phil. 3:10-16**

## Can a believer, then, be altogether right with God?

YES! As long as he is walking in fellowship with God, yielded, all known sin confessed, seeking God

- **In this moment in time I can be altogether right with God.**

**While I cannot maintain this state for the rest of my life uninterrupted or untempted, yet I am justified and I will be glorified and sanctification is an ongoing process.**

- **If I have confessed all known sin and am seeking God's will, then I am under the control of the Holy Spirit. but as soon as I give in to temptation and sin, I am no longer being controlled by the Spirit.**
- ***Sin is inevitable, but not essential. I do not have to commit and particular sin. God has made provision for me to resist any temptation. My sin is my fault, not God's fault for insufficient armor. 1 Cor. 10:13***

**Vs. 9 Define the word "confess".**

To say the same thing that God says about sin. To agree! *homologeo+*  
To enter a guilty plea. Confession does not save, it only proves the guilt!

## What two things will God do if and when we confess our sins?

1. forgive the sins
2. cleanse from all unrighteousness

- ***Forgiveness means to remove the debt. It has to do with the barrier between my soul and God. That is what God does in and of Himself.. in reference to sin.***
- ***Cleansing is what He does to my heart; what He does to my conscience; what He does to my spirit; what He does in my moral character.***

**I can forgive but I cannot cleanse. God does both; forgives and cleanses.**

- **God not only removes the debt, but He removes the guilt from the conscience and the spirit so that the believer does not have to live under the shame.**
- **He not only cleanses me from the sin I confess, but all the unrighteousness that I am and am not aware of.**
- **Confession must flow from a broken spirit!! Psalm 51, 32**

**Many people confess their sins. Does confession alone bring forgiveness? Explain.**

*Confession does not cleanse the soul; it is the blood of Christ that cleanses the soul!  
Judas acknowledged his guilt and still went to Hell. This is talking about "we", "us"  
BELIEVERS IN CHRIST!*

## **How is God “faithful” in forgiving us? What does this mean?**

*What does it mean to be a “faithful husband”?*

**Faithful..... (Gk. pistos) True to His own nature and promises.**

*He promised to forgive us. He is faithful in keeping His word of promise!*

## **How is God “just” in forgiving our sins? Why is this important?**

*(Gk. dikaios) Righteous; God cannot overlook sin.*

*If He forgives, yet He must remain righteous in the forgiving!*

**Someone says to you, "I am sorry" ... you say, "O that's all right."**

***No it is not all right at all, it was wrong!***

***We give a break because we need a break. We don't demand justice because we are just as guilty as the one who does wrong to us. We ignore the punishment due because we want the same treatment. Can God ignore justice? NO!***

**How can a righteous God forgive? 1 John 1:7; 2:2.... Only if His righteousness is satisfied.**

- **His forgiveness must be a righteous forgiveness!**
- **His salvation must be a righteous salvation!**

**The sin that I am confessing was paid for on the cross. God did not overlook that sin; He punished it in Jesus Christ on the cross.**

**Rom. 3:26 = This is how can a holy God can call a sinner holy!!!**

**What sins break our fellowship with God? All known sin!**

**What are the “big sins”? All sins are big, because God is absolutely holy!**

- **"You can only have a “little sin” if you have a little God."**

**If we die with unconfessed sins, do we lose our salvation? Why?**

**Family**

**Fellowship**

**Born**

**Cooperation (If I ceased to cooperate,  
my Dad would operate.)**

**Can't Be Lost**

**is lost (sin)**

**Relationship based on:**

**New Birth**

**Obedience**

- **What would we think of a Father whose son disobeyed and he said, "you are no longer my son."**

**Yet there are those today who say that when we sin, our Heavenly Father is perfectly just in saying, "if you don't shape up today, you are out of my family."**

**If you want to get back in my family and be my child, you'd better shape up."**

**They as parents would never think of doing what they have accused God of doing.**

**The family relationship is not lost, because you are born into the family, and you cannot get unborn!**

We are born of God and you cannot get unborn! (See sheet on eternal security)

Heb. 12:5-8                      Matt. 7: "I never knew you"

1 John 1:9 = maintaining a relationship.

**If we die with unconfessed sin do we lose our salvation?    No!**

**1 Cor. 3:11-15** . He will lose his reward....but he himself will be saved as through fire.

- Practice = If you can practice any known sin and not feel any shame, guilt, or remorse  
experience no discipline in your life    then you are demonstrating that you are only saying that you are saved when in reality you are not. **Heb. 12:3-6**
- An evidence that we are truly born again is that when we are confronted with the Word of God, we bow before its truth and repent and obey. If the Holy Spirit dwells within a person, He is bearing witness with the truth of God's word.
- "If you look out on the bank of a creek and see a bird that looks like a duck, sounds like a duck, quacks like a duck, lays duck eggs, swims like a duck, and it is always around other ducks, and flies south with all the other ducks    . It's a duck!
- **"You can't see my heart"! O yes I can! You cannot hide your heart! Matt. 7:15-27**  
Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks!  
Your life direction is the result of your life condition!

Every person ALWAYS acts consistently with what they believe    . At the moment!

You cannot help but act consistently with what you believe at the moment!

A hypocrite is not a person who acts contrary to their beliefs.

No one acts contrary to their beliefs! Ever!

A hypocrite is a person who acts contrary to their STATED beliefs!

**1 John says: "If we say... but do not do...then we lie!**