

The Epistles of John

Week 17: 1 John 1:5 - 10

‘Fellowship’ is a specifically Christian word and denotes that common participation in the grace of God, the salvation of Christ and the indwelling Spirit that is the spiritual birthright of all Christian believers. It ... makes them one.

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1 John 1:5-10

In our last Class back in May, I gave out handouts of the Book of 1 John in 5 different translations with these instructions:

*Remember to mark these passages as you read them when you see examples of **Epideictic rhetoric** (the rhetoric of praise and blame, positive and negative) or **Amplification rhetoric** (Amplification is a rhetorical technique where you take an idea and you expand upon it or repeat it over and over). Use a P and N for epidemic rhetoric and an A for amplification rhetoric.*

1 John 1:5-10

1 John 1:5 (HCSB)

Now this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you:

God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him.

1 John 1:5-10

*Pay attention to how often John says **If** and the powerful implications from that small word*

1 John 1:5-10

1 John 1:6–7 (HCSB)

If we say, “We have fellowship with Him,” yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.

But **if** we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Application for This Week

The scriptures are full of descriptions of God as the source of light and full of light and without darkness. Gen 1, Psalms, John 1, 1 John 1. Meditate on this truth.

Homework

My blog with past lessons is:

www.UnapologeticallyJohn.com

Thank you for coming!

See you back next week