

# The Epistles of John

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Week 19: 1 John 1:8 - 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.

John Stott

## 1 John 1:6-7

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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.

1 John 1:8-10

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John is not interested in just knowing the truth, embracing the truth, even believing in the truth. He's interested in living out the truth and living out the truth in various truthful and holy ways.

The conditions necessary for fellowship with God are fulfilled by Jesus' death. His logic is this: Those who live in the eternal life revealed in Jesus have every single one of their sins, which defile and make one unfit for fellowship with God, cleansed through Jesus' atoning death

The end result is that Jesus' death cleanses us. The verb is in the present tense, suggesting an ongoing or continuous process. When coupled with 'from all sin', the point is that our sins are continually washed or wiped away. It is not a select few sins that are removed.

# 1 John 1:8-10

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1 John 1:8–10 (HCSB)

If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say, “We don’t have any sin,” we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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### **If we say We have no sin:**

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## Application for This Week

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While sin is a condition, it is also an action. How much and how hard does God have to work before we acknowledge (confess) our sins? Can we be more aware?

God is more interested in truth as a source for our behavior and actions than as a theological or doctrinal proposition. Are we walking in the truth?

# Homework

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