1Thess #28

The importance of fellowship with the Trinity

This coming week there will be three classes – Tues the 20th – Thursday the 22nd and Saturday the 24th there will be short class related to the Birth of Christ.

Let us open today in 1John chapter one.

/Fellowship with Each Member of the Trinity is imperative for spiritual growth, as well as being the key ingredient for success in all other relationships. Fellowship points to intimacy which goes beyond words and emotional waves. Fellowship means you have a deep intellectual intercourse and similar norms and standards with another person.\

There is a healthy blend of emotional and intellectual intimacy within true fellowship.

Cosmic viewpoint tells us emotions have to be in control for true intimacy - yet that is not what the word of GOD teaches us.

Emotions are designed to respond not control.

Emotions are a gift from God.

/1Jo 1:1 What **was from the beginning**, what we have heard, what **we have seen with our eyes**, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning **the Word of Life**—

The origin of the Greek term LOGOS means - the divine reason or plan which coordinates a changing universe.\

Jesus Christ was in the beginning because HE is God and will always be GOD.

The apostles walked and talked with GOD, the WORD was among us.

Logos - also means every thought which is translated into written word, it means commands and laws, it is the answer to every question and final judgment of every action.

The WORD is the reason and power of beginning and end.

/Bels who have continued with deep fellowship with the WORD, are engaged in the most intimate relationship available to mankind in the temporal world we currently live in. LOGOS was in the beginning; LOGOS created the foundation of the world. Therefore, LOGOS is the answer and solution to every problem, question or confusion mankind may encounter.\

[1Jo 1:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/1/2/s_1160002) and the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was revealed to us—

/[1Jo 1:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/1/3/s_1160003) what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that **you too may have fellowship with us;** and indeed **our fellowship** is with the **Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ**.

This is addressed to Bels – 1John 1 -1John 3 is directed at spiritual growth and advice for BELIEVERS!\

The Apostle John tells all Bels, *they MAY HAVE fellowship* – because we all have our own free will choices to make after salvation.

Within these first 3 verses John is pointing out the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union – he is doing his best through the power of God the HS to enlighten everyone that Jesus Christ was and will always be the unique God-man.

1Jo 1:4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

Present tense – keeps on being divine contentment.

God is true light, the power of truth and light come through our Triune God.

[1Jo 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/1/5/s_1160005) This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

Darkness is the opposite of light and any counterfeit or any narrative that may appear to be light and truth is a lie if is not BD.

It is a false light, a false truth. Which appears on the surface to be one thing yet under the spotlight of divine truth it crumbles into darkness.

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/[1Jo 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/1/6/s_1160006) **If**we say that **we have fellowship with Him** and *yet* walk in the darkness, **we lie and do not practice the truth**;

*IF* 3rd class condition – the possibility is strong. Meaning, when we say we know GOD intimately, yet walk (lifestyle) in the cosmic system – we are probably living a lie!\

[1Jo 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/1/7/s_1160007) 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.

This is written to set up a contrast between illusion and reality. If you are a Believer inside the cosmic system you cannot have fellowship with God.

That is a satanic illusion.

You haven’t lost your salvation, you haven’t lost your status as a child of God, but you do not have fellowship (intimacy) with Him and you are definitely not in His plan.

/1Jo 1:7 - *if we walk in the Light*

Again a, 3rd class condition, the probability is strong- if we walk (filled with HS habitually, lifestyle) we will have fellowship with other like-minded Bels.\

The reason we see the 3rd class condition used several times is because it means maybe you will or maybe you won’t, but there is a strong chance it will occur as it is written. This also highlights free will.

 IF you walk by light and your free will aligns with BD then yes…you are truly in the LIGHT!

/1Jo 1:7 - *the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

The reminder is we need to have a lifestyle that understands the power of Christ on the Cross. We need to continue adjusting to the justice of God to maintain a Christ-like nature.\

Then we know the Apostle John purposely goes into the mechanics of getting filled by the HS and opening up that Christ-like nature.

1John 1:8, 9 and 10 tells us to stop fooling ourselves and name and cite any known sins.

You have to understand historical trends toward the end of the first century.

/By the time the Apostle John was writing 1John (followed by Revelation) it was at least 90 AD. At this point the Gnostic movement was taking hold, it was gaining ground as a religion. Gnosticism followed the trends of the cosmic system and produced both asceticism as well as antinomianism. They began claiming the authority of true Christianity by the early second century.\

Asceticism is nothing more than rituals of self-discipline and self-denial – it is a works program.

Whereas antinomianism began by rejecting many of the commands of the OT – it was a doorway to live more freely for the Gnostic followers.

They dabbled in the historic value and rituals of Judaism but rejected many of its commands.

The background for asceticism which included such things as claiming to have fellowship with God on the basis of some system of pseudo spirituality, or making the contention that you no longer sin, or denying the existence of the old sin nature since salvation.

This enabled the leaders to claim purity so they rarely had todiscipline themselves and this placed them on a higher scale closer to God.

By spiritualizing and symbolic rituals or gestures they combined the Hellenistic philosophy, Asian mysticism with Christianity.

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Gnosticism successfully produced a system of distraction from true Christianity, that system accounts for the beginning of denominations we know today.

/The fact is, any Bel living outside of God’s plan, which is fully reliant upon the two power options (Filling of HS & intake of Word) is in darkness. There is no middle ground, nor is any other truth valid outside of the singular truth of BD accurately handled.

Mat 7:13 “**Enter through the narrow** **gate**; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. \

Many Bels think they have fellowship with God, yet their own lifestyle and beliefs lack what makes the difference in true intimacy with God – the two power options.

The Apostle John points out the importance of walking in the light. Walking in the light is walking in the new nature as a lifestyle habit or a choice.

/Light is assigned to the Triune God because pure, divine light is the only cleansing agent that exposes and heals darkness (evil). Natural sunlight is broken down to three components -wavelengths (visible light), Ultraviolet light (short wavelengths), infrared radiation (longer wavelengths). Yet just like the Trinity natural light has one source – the sun. The SON is our source of true light! \

The Trinity is one of those words you cannot find in basic scripture, yet in theology it is one of the most important doctrines.

Each member of the Godhead has identical characteristics. They coexist, they are coequal, they are coeternal.

So, when it says *“God is one”* it is talking about essence because they have identical essence. But when you are distinguishing between personalities or the persons of the Trinity, then you have three: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Natural light is said to be one, yet light is made up of three properties.

Understanding the intimate relationship with each member of the TRINITY becomes important as you get beyond the immature stage of spiritual growth.

/In other words, the practice of taking in Bible doctrine is fellowship with God the Father. Fellowship with God the Father inevitably leads to love of God the Father at the point of spiritual self-esteem, which is one of the first big steps in spiritual growth. You no longer get deeply impacted by other people’s opinion; your self-esteem is God-dependent not people dependent.\

Your confidence begins to shift from human viewpoint and cosmic solutions toward biblical norms and standards.

It is a slow process but it is the first big step toward SM

/1Cor 1:9 God is faithful, through whom **you were called**(*kaleō*)**into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord**. 10 Now I urge you, brothers *and sisters,* by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there **be no divisions among you**, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

To accept a command and be given a new title or an invitation to a new calling or new name.\

Fellowship is a call to intimacy which brings forth a new title for the Bel. They receive a greater grace and greater blessings when they go to the next level.

You will find that your fellowship with other positive Bels soars to higher levels when you are all moving forward in the same direction.

The Bel who reaches higher levels of intimacy is given greater rewards and greater blessings.

/Rev 2:17 ‘The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To the one who overcomes**, I will give *some* of **the hidden manna**, and I will **give him a white stone**, and a **new name** written on the stone which no one knows except the one who receives *it.’\*

Rev 2:17 has the dual meaning of all Bels receiving new resurrection bodies and a new life in heaven.

Yet, it specifically highlights winners.

NIC-OT-OH, is a Greek verb for overcomers - those who have had greater victories.

/Overcome - *nikaō,* to conquer through military victory or legal process.

Hidden manna – speaks to deeper knowledge that feeds our soul. Winner Bels has higher spiritual IQ’s along with privilege in heaven.

The white stone – was used in ancient times as a symbol of judicial victory or innocence.

The new name – will be a special title known between you & Jesus Christ.\

Fellowship with the Trinity should be the #1 priority of your life. But this priority cannot be fulfilled without making Bible doctrine the #1 priority from the start of your spiritual life.

/2Cor 13:14 “The **grace** of our **Lord Jesus Christ** and the **love** for **God (Father)** and the **fellowship** of the **Holy Spirit** be with all of you.”

This highlights the Trinity and the importance of intimacy with the Trinity. This only happens when we continually interact with God the HS (fellowship).\

When we do participate with Trinity in an intimate relationship, we begin to learn how to overcome the cosmic system.

*“Grace”* refers to grace orientation as a problem-solving device.

*“Love of God”* refers to personal love for God the Father as a problem-solving device.

The *“fellowship of the Holy Spirit”* refers to the filling of the Holy Spirit as a problem-solving device.

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Most Bels do not want to grind it out in Bible study. Because we are a society of the quick fix and apathy.

This is why it is the minority that press forward year after year on a serious journey of spiritual growth.

We are called into a journey, spiritual warfare and to pick up our own cross. We are not called into a 50-meter dash or a game of tag. We are not called into a life where we have a few bad days and the rest of the time we are pampered children.

/Heb 10:23 Let’s hold firmly to the confession of our hope **without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;** 24 and let’s consider how to **encourage one another** in love and good deeds,

Our fellowship with God will strength our fellowship with other Bels and that brings unity…in unity there is strength.\

/[Heb 10:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/10/25/s_1143025) **not abandoning our own meeting together**, as is the habit of some people, but **encouraging *one another****;* and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

In our day and age there is no excuse to not gather and study BD from a qualified pastor-teacher. We are blessed with internet, cell phones and easy access to truth.\

There is no excuse for not having fellowship with the Trinity.

There is no excuse for not understanding mystery doctrine just as there is no excuse for not gaining ground in spiritual growth.

The reason any Bel is lacking in any of these areas lies within the mirror my friends.