

“Life Together: Fellowship”

I John 1:1-4

Apostles and Prophets Are About Foundational Things – Eph 2:19-22; Ps 11:3; Matt 7:24

The Foundational Idea of New Covenant Christianity: A Personal Encounter with God in and through Jesus Christ the Lord
– I Jo 1:1-4; Jo 1:12

- The Subject of new covenant Christianity is a Person: Jesus Christ the Lord – Jo 14:6
 - ...“the life... the eternal life... the word of life...” – I Jo 1:1-2; Jo 10:10
 - ...the kind of life that God shares with God and with us – Eph 4:4-6; I Jo 1:1-2; Jo 3:16; I Jo 5:11-12
 - ...“the” – excludes all other possibilities – Jo 14:6
- He is 100% God/Divine (fully able to bring God’s Life to man), 100% man/human (fully able to represent man before God) - I Jo 1:1-4
 - ...Deity can be the Source, Supply, Substance of human living – II Pet 1:3,4
 - ...humanity can be a living instrument of Deity – Ga 2:20

John Calls This Personal Encounter “Fellowship” – I Jo 1:3

- We “share in common” what is far from common: A living and forever oneness with God – Jo 17:20-24
 - ...this is the reason for the rescue – Jo 3:16
- There is a double dimension to this fellowship – I Jo 1:3
 - ...we share life in common with God – Jo 14:23
 - (our fellowship with Him is a holy constant – Heb 13:5; Ro 8:35-39)
 - ...we share life in common with one another in Christ – I Jo 1:3
 - (there is no “church-less” Christ – I Cor 12:13)

Living Out of Our Fellowship with Christ and One Another – I Jo 1:3; 3:16; 4:7

- Keep the Subject the “subject” – I Jo 1:1; Jo 1:14
 - ...fixed, focused, intentional “gaze” (“beholding”) on the Person of Jesus Christ the Lord – Jo 17:3
 - ...“Lord, I want to know You!” – Heb 11:6
- Embrace and celebrate our unbreakable fellowship with God in Christ- I Jo 1:3; I Cor 6:17
 - ...we have been “re-Lifed” by Christ’s indwelling Life – Ga 2:20; I Jo 5:11-12
 - ...learn to live from His supplied Life – II Pet 1:3,4; I Jo 4:4
- Lovingly participate in fellowship with others – I Jo 1:3; 3:14
 - ...to know and be known – Eph 5:8-14
 - ...to bring the best out of one another – Ro 14:19; II Cor 12:19; II Cor 13:10

THEN WATCH FOR OUR JOY TO BE MADE FULL! – I Jo 1:4; Jo 15:11; Neh 8:10