

Session #1 - Life Together: Fellowship
1 John 1:1 - 2:6

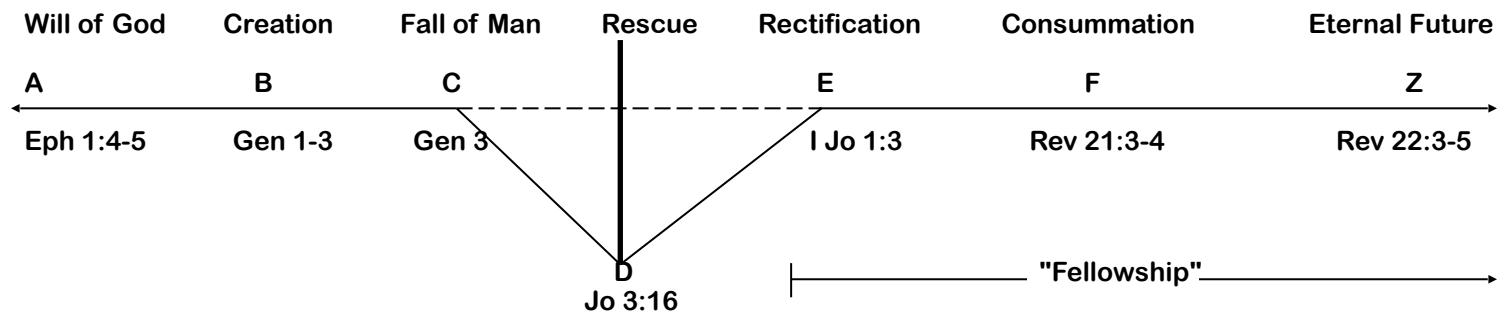
The Theme: "Fellowship" - Sharing life together with God in a fearless and faithful family. (1 Jo 1:3)

The Subject: "The Word of Life" - aka... "the Life"... "the eternal Life" (1 Jo 1:1,2)

- "Life" - that which allows us to freely and fully function according to our Creator's design (Jo 10:10)
 - ...the kind of life God shares with God (and with us!)
- "the" - that which excludes all others (Jo 14:6)
 - ..."we proclaim (Him) to you" (1 Jo 1:3)
 - ...He reveals all other "ways... truths... lives..." to be deficient (Jo 14:6)

A Double-Dimensioned Fellowship

- We share this life in common with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (1 Jo 1:3)
 - ...a gift of grace received by faith (Eph 2:8-10)
- We share this life in common with each other (1 Jo 1:3)
 - ...co-equal sharers in Christ (Ga 3:28)
- This fellowship is the reason for the "rescue" (Jo 17:11,22-24)
 - ...two functioning together as one (1 Cor 6:17)



- The "Living Way" to Life is living together with Christ and one another - 1 Jo 1:3

...Confess Him as Savior, Lord, Forgiver, Victor... but do not fail to confess Him as the Life of your Life! (1 Jo 5:11-12)

Receptivity of Christ's Life Allows for Responsivity to His Life Now! (I Jo 2:6; Col 2:6)

God Is Light (I Jo 1:5)

- He is self-revealing, He is pure, He is the "condition" for Life (I Jo 1:5-9)
 - ...words of relief, victory, and realism
- To be in fellowship with God is to be joined to the Light (of Life) (Jo 1:4; 9:5)
 - ...an invitation to leave the darkness (false light of self-determination) (Jo 8:12)
 - ...never without (enlightened) options (Micah 7:8)
 - ...we have light enough to walk "in step" with the Light of the World (I Jo 2:6)

Sin(s) in the Light of the Truth (I Jo 2:1ff) - A "macro" view

- Sin = a lie about God
 - ...a lie about ourselves: sinning is not our "nature" any longer (I Jo 3:5,9)
 - ...Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for all our sins (I Jo 1:7,9; Col 2:13; Titus 2:14)
 - ...As our "Advocate", He pleads what He has done for us (I Jo 2:1-2)
 - ...We "confess" (= say the same as God), and thank Him for our forgiveness/cleansing (I Jo 1:7,9)

Dealing with the Temptation to Sin - A "micro" view

- We make it our aim... "not to sin" (I Jo 2:1)
 - ...Do not forget to remember Who lives in us (I Jo 2:1; Col 1:27)
(He is never an "excuse" to sin, rather, always a "reason" not to sin!)
 - ...He has defeated all our enemies (Zeph 3:15,17; I Jo 3:5,8,5:4,5)
 - ...Do not forget to remember temptation has not been removed (I Thess 3:5; Ja 1:2-3)
(The temptation... is... not... sin!) (Ja 1:14; Heb 4:15)
 - ...Dare to see the temptation not against "just me", but against "Christ in me" (Heb 2:18; I Cor 10:13)
- "But if you do... (I Jo 2:1)
 - ...keep your focus on Jesus Christ (I Jo 2:1) - not sin, self, devil, world
 - ...keep His commandments (I Jo 2:3-5) - obey what you know to be true
 - ...keep walking in Him (I Jo 2:6) - by faith... in love!