

Studies in the Book of 1 John
“FOCUS OF FELLOWSHIP”

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Lesson 1

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1. **Author:** **God, the Holy Spirit**
Human writer: **Apostle John Wrote..... The Gospel of John**
1 John
11 John
111 John
Revelation

11. **Purpose:**

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| B. | The Fruits of Fellowship..... | (2:1) |
| C. | The Foes of Fellowship..... | (2:26) |
| D. | The Fight for Fellowship..... | (3:10) |
| E. | False prophets produce Fear | (4:1,18) |
| F. | The Finality of Faithful Fellowship..... | (5:4,13) |

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Key word is KNOW (39times)

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Sound doctrine about Jesus Christ is the basis for our fellowship.
- “That which was...” is a reference to Christ; not the message.
 - The word “beginning” refers to the same time period as Genesis 1:1, and John 1:1.
 - This was to combat the false teaching, that was taught by the Gnostics, (1 John 4:2,3) that Christ did not come in the flesh.
 - “Word of Life” refers to the **person** of Christ, as in John 1:1,14. Word of life in Philippians 2:16 refers to the **message** of the gospel.
2. **Light is the Manifestation of Divine Fellowship**
Eternal Life was manifested thru Christ. **Heard, seen, touched was John’s physical evidence.** We are to manifest to other believers and to the world that we have fellowship with God by physical evidence from us.

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