

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

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Lesson 5

TEXT: 1 John 2:5

Theme: True Fellowship is True Love

1. **The child of God** who walks with the Lord, is to continually mature until the Love of God is perfected in his life.

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| <p>A. 1 John 2:5 tells us, “...that the love of God (Fellowship with the Father) is perfected by whoever obeys his word.”</p> <p>B. 1 John 4:12 “...If we love one another,.....his love is perfected in us.”</p> <p>C. 1 John 4:17 “Herein is our love made perfect....”</p> <p>D. 1 John 4:18 “...perfect love castest out fear...”</p> <p>E. 1 John 4:18 “He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”</p> |
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2. **Who or What is Love?**

- A. **God** is Love (1 John 4:8)
B. **Love** is of God (1 John 4:7)

3. **Who does God Love?**

- A. **the world** John 3:16
B. **believers** 1 John 3:1 “God so loved the world”
1 John 4:11 “God so loved us”
1 John 4:16 “the love that God hath to us.”

4. **How did God love?**

- A. **God calls us his children** 1 John 3:1
B. **He laid down his life** 1 John 3:16
C. **God sent his Son** 1 John 4:9, 10

5. **Who are believers to love?**

- A. **The Lord** “We love Him...” 1 John 4:19
B. **The believers** “...love one another” 1 John 3:11
“ought to lay down our lives” 1 John 3:16
“This commandment have we from him” 1 John 4:21

6. **What are believers not to love? 1 John 2:15-17**

1 John 2:17 All that is in this world, that will not enter into the next.

- A. **The Lust of the Flesh** (Sensualism) The consuming desire to do
B. **The Lust of the Eyes** (Materialism) The compelling urge to have
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