Studies in the Book of 1 John
“FOCUS OF FELLOWSHIP”
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Lesson 3
TEXT: 1 John 2:1-3
Theme: Christians in fellowship with God will obey God’s Word by loving God’s people.

Introduction: There must be evidence given to convince the young believers that these scriptures are truly written to them to prove fellowship with God and not to give evidences for salvation.

A. Written to Believers:
   #1. 1 John 2:2 We are called, “the children of God”
   #2. 1 John 2:12 “little children” sins are forgiven
   #3. 1 John 2:28 “little children” ye be not ashamed
   #4. 1 John 3:1 “called the sons of God”
   #5. 1 John 4:4 “Ye are of God, little children”
   #6. 1 John 5:13 “have I written unto you that believe”

B. Written for Service:
   #1. 1 John 1:3 Deals with fellowship (not salvation)
   #2. 1 John 1:7 Deals with our walk (not salvation)
   #3. 1 John 2:5 Deals with love (not salvation)
      Love being perfected is for growth.
   #4. 1 John 2:10 How not to stumble (not salvation)
   #5. 1 John 2:15 What not to love (world), is as important as what to love.
   #6. 1 John 2:24 Truth continually believed will cause you to continue in fellowship.
   #7. 1 John 3:16 “lay down our lives for the brethren”
   #8. 1 John 3:18 love in deed and truth
   #9. 1 John 3:22 “things that are pleasing in his sight”
  #10. 1 John 4:21 he who loveth God love his brother
  #11. 1 John 5:21 “keep yourselves from idols”, is a warning to not let anything come between you and the love of God.