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.

A. 1 John 2:5 tells us, “….that the love of God (Fellowship with the Father) is perfected by whoever obeys his word.”
B. 1 John 4:12 “…If we love one another,…..his love is perfected in us.”
C. 1 John 4:17 “Herein is our love made perfect…”
D. 1 John 4:18 “…perfect love casteth out fear…”
E. 1 John 4:18 “He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

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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