



LET THERE BE
LIGHT

L I G H T I S F E L L O W S H I P



⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-10 (NIV)



8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:5-10 (NIV)



Fellowship: The Relationship and Community That Flows Out of the Life and Favor We Receive From God.

North American church publicity often makes use of the phrase “food, fun, and fellowship.” But for John and his readers “fellowship” is apparently something more profound than good food and good times. Judging from John’s letter, fellowship involves commitment to a common body of belief (doctrine) and faithfulness in a dedicated life of obedience...

It also involves that elusive thing called love - love for God as well as love for people and especially fellow believers.

- Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds
Commentary

Light Reflects God's Moral Perfection

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Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light.

Micah 7:8 (NIV)

Light Reflects God's Moral Perfection

The God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

Light Is the Basis Of Our Fellowship

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

1 John 1:6 (NIV)

Light Is the Basis Of Our Fellowship

“If no set of moral ideas were truer or better than any other there would be no sense in preferring civilized morality to savage morality or Christian morality to Nazi morality.”

- C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Light Is the Basis Of Our Fellowship

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols?

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 (ESV)



FOUR FACETS OF FELLOWSHIP

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-16

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RIGHTEOUSNESS & LAWLESSNESS

ALLIANCES: BUSINESS/POLITICAL/PHILOSOPHICAL

FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN LIGHT VS. DARKNESS

COMMUNITY: RELATIONSHIPS

HARMONY BETWEEN CHRIST AND BELIAL

MUSIC: ENTERTAINMENT

AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEMPLES

GATHERING PLACES & PRACTICES: RECREATION & PLEASURE

Light Illuminates the Doorway to the Blood

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7 (NIV)