

THE REALITY OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

I. Some Introductory General Statements About 1 John

* The main **theme** of 1 John centers in **fellowship** with God, but there are at least 5 purposes for the book:

1. to promote _____ with God (1:3)
2. to provide _____ in Christian living (1:4)
3. to promote _____ Christian _____ (2:1)
4. to protect from _____ within the body & _____ from outside the body (2:26)
5. to provide _____ , _____ , & _____ as the basis for Christian living (5:13)

II. The Incarnate Word (1 John 1:1-2)

A. The _____ of the Word (1:1a)... *“that which _____ from the beginning”*

B. The _____ of the Word (1:1b)

- Who does the word “we” give reference to?

1. *“which we have _____.”*

2. *“which we have _____”*

3. *“which we have _____”*

4. *“which our hands have literally _____”*

5. all of this was concerning the “ _____ ”

- a. it refers to the _____ of Christ who was manifest at the incarnation, or
- b. it refers to the _____ of life... the _____ that was preached that gives believing sinners life

C. The Manifestation of the Word (1:2)

1. The life was _____

2. How was this evidenced?

3. This manifestation is in reference to the _____, which was aimed specifically at the false philosophies that attacked the person & work of Christ.

III. Fellowship With God Realized (1:3-4)

1. That you may have _____ with us (1:3)

- Who are the “us”?
- What is fellowship? (koinonia)

2. that our _____ may be full (1:4)

* What does all this mean to you?