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1 John 1:1-10

*1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

## "The Foundation of our relationship with the Lord"

Vs 1-3 John tells us that he and the other apostles had heard, seen with their eyes, looked upon, and touched with their hands the "Word of Life". What is the significance of this affirmation?

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John says, "... that which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, that you may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." What do we learn from John about the foundation of our relationship with the Lord?

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What other scripture references give us the account and origin of this "Word of Life"?

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Vs 4-5 According to John, how is our joy made full through his testimony? Give other supporting biblical references.

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Vs 6-7 John claims that if we are saved and are in fellowship with the Lord, our lives must show it. How, and why? What is the implied contrast between light and darkness? Give some examples.

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Explain what John means by “*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*”

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John makes several mentions of the word “fellowship”. What does John mean by it?

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From John’s testimony, explain what you understand by the phrase “fall out of fellowship” in the life of believers? (Give scripture ref.)

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What are the consequences of a believer choosing to sin? What is the remedy?

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Vs 8-10 John teaches that anyone who claims to be without sin does not have the truth in them. How does this apply to believers in Christ Jesus? Why?