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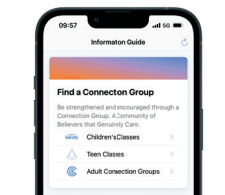
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Victorious in Relationships

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Text: 1 John 1:1–9

“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.” (1 John 1:1-9)

INTRODUCTION

*“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”
(1 Corinthians 15:33)*

*“Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.”
(Proverbs 27:17)*

1. A RELATIONSHIP OF _____ (v. 4)

A. A _____ Relationship (v. 1-2)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” (1 Timothy 3:16)

“And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:” (2 Peter 1:18-19)

B. A _____ Relationship (v. 3)

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” (1 John 5:9-13)

C. A _____ Relationship (v. 4)

FULL JOY THROUGH SALVATION

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2)

Quote: “Happiness—the agreeable sensation which springs from the enjoyment of good; Joy is an inner state of the heart and mind. Happiness is stimulated from without the person, based on circumstances.”

FULL JOY IN TRIALS

“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.” (1 Peter 1:7-9)

2. A RELATIONSHIP OF _____ (v. 2-7)

- A. Fellowship with the _____ and the Son (v. 3)

THROUGH THE BIBLE

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Colossians 3:16)

THROUGH PRAYER

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

- B. Fellowship with _____ (v. 5-7)

“Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.” (1 Timothy 6:16)

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)

Quote: “God is light, and Satan is the prince of darkness. To obey Him is to walk in the light; to disobey is to walk in darkness. Keep in mind that fellowship is a matter of light and darkness.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

EXAMPLE OF FELLOWSHIP

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship” (Acts 2:42)

EXHORTATION TO FELLOWSHIP

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?” (2 Corinthians 6:14)

3. A RELATIONSHIP OF _____ (v. 8–9)

A. _____ about Sin (v. 8, 10)

Quote: “People today minimize and redefine sin, often alleging that the ‘failures’ of their lives and certain ‘disorders’ exist because of how others have treated them.”

Quote: “We start off lying to others, but if we continue to lie, we eventually lie to ourselves as well.... If you let sin come into your life as a Christian and you do not confess it and get it out of your life, then you have to play the game of self-deception.”—

Jerry Vines

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;” (1 Timothy 4:1-2)

B. _____ of Sin (v. 9a)

WE AGREE WITH GOD ABOUT SIN

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)

Quote: “Any concept of grace that makes us feel more comfortable about sinning is not biblical grace. God’s grace never encourages us to live in sin; on the contrary, it empowers us to say no to sin and yes to truth.”—**Randy Alcorn**

Quote: “Repentance is a discovery of the evil of sin, a mourning that we have committed it, a resolution to forsake it. It is, in fact, a change of mind of a very deep and practical character, which makes the man love what once he hated, and hate what once he loved.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

WE ARE FORGIVEN BY GOD FOR SIN

*“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”
(Ephesians 4:32)*

Question: “If our salvation gives us complete forgiveness and the imputing of righteousness to the believer at salvation, then why the need to confess and repent of sins?”

Answer: Two Aspects to God’s Forgiveness:

1. There is the judicial or legal aspect of forgiveness.
2. Then the sanctifying or personal aspect of forgiveness and fellowship.

*“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”
(Psalm 66:18)*

CONCLUSION

*“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.”
(1 John 1:7)*

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;” (Ephesians 1:7)

3 TAKEAWAYS FROM TODAY’S MESSAGE

1. The Best Relationships Share Common Biblical Convictions
2. The Best Fellowship Begins with God and Godly People
3. True Forgiveness Is Always Available and Is Provided Because of Jesus’ Shed Blood



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