

The Greatest thing in all the World
(is Fellowship with our Father)
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John 1 ¶ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—
3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

God says there is nothing better than fellowship

That is why he made the angels.

That is why he made man. "I will be their God and they will be my people." repeated a dozen times or so.

God fellowshiped with Adam every day. Adam must have enjoyed that. God enjoyed it even more.

Some famous examples in the Bible, Enoch. Abraham. David.

There is nothing better than fellowship. God made us like that.

John, the writer of our scripture, has discovered the best thing in the whole world for him is fellowship with God.

And he is writing these things to tell us, you can have this too.

There is something that always breaks fellowship. Sin.

One person sins against the other and fellowship is broken.

Adam hid.

God is perfect. He is clean. He is without sin.

5 ¶ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

To have fellowship with God, we too need to be clean.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

We need to more than just say the words, "I have fellowship with God." We need to stop walking in darkness. We need to try not to sin.

God takes sin personally. What is sin? Selfish thoughts. Pride. Hatred. These are sins that I could hide. No one would know.

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

the closer we come to Jesus every day ... the cleaner we become.

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.

2:1a My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.

Don't sin! Sin breaks our communion with Him.

2:1b But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

But if you do ... Jesus will be your lawyer to get you off. How?

By paying your sin debt! **2:2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Don't sin. Don't hide. Enjoy closeness (Come clean)