

1 John 1:1-2:11

Outline for Congregation

Invited to Fellowship

Invited To Fellowship (1:3):

“we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us”

- Who is the “us”? (1:1-2)
- What is fellowship?
- Why would we want fellowship with them? (1:3-4)

Sin & alienation, Jesus & reconciliation

- Do we: say we have fellowship with God but walk in darkness? (1:6) say we have no sin? (1:8) say we have not sinned? (1:10)
- “we lie” (1:6) “we deceive ourselves” (1:8) “we make him a liar” (1:10)
- propitiation (2:2), confession (1:9), obedience (2:1-6) – the path of restoration and reconciliation, and the call to maintain fellowship with God and His people

Fellowship, Not Social Life

- Introverts and extroverts in the life of the church

Questions for Reflection

1. What is appealing (for you) about being part of a church? What is unappealing? What do you want or expect from a church?
2. How will our joy be incomplete (1:4) if we don't have fellowship with God and with His people?
3. What keeps you from acknowledging and confessing your sin? (1:5-10) What are the difficulties you face in walking “in the light”?
4. Are you more introverted or extroverted? How does that effect how you participate in the life of the church and how you experience it? Given your temperament, how can you best serve the church and be served by the church?