

***Let's Dismiss Our Kids to Their
Kid's Quest Departments!***



The Text:

I John 5:13-21!

The Title:

***The Ultimate Proof of Godly
Fellowship!***

The Theme:

Fellowship!

Let's Say Good-Bye!

***This morning our goal is to end our journey in the
New Testament book of I John.***

So let's review for the last time!



John's Development of the Theme:

Chapter One:

The CONDITION necessary for Fellowship!

Chapter Two:

The CONDUCT resulting from Fellowship!

Chapter Three:

The CHARACTERISTICS caused by Fellowship!

Chapter Four:

The CAUTION when seeking Fellowship!

Chapter Five:

The CONSEQUENCES of Fellowship!

Chapter Five

The **CONSEQUENCES** of Fellowship!

A. (5:1-12) The **PASSION** Produced by Fellowship:
Our inward attitudes are seen by our outward actions!
(God's love cannot be contained it must overflow / 1:3-4)

B. (5:13-17) The **PROOF** of Fellowship:
Our prayers and petitions are answered by God!
(When we listen to Him, He listens to us)

C. (5:18-21) The **PRODUCT** Formed by Fellowship:
A life-style that avoids sin!
(Fellowship / Obedience / Love / Fellowship)

Let's Look at the Text!

1 John 5:13-21!



Our Sermon Outline:

I. (5:1-12) The PASSION Produced by Fellowship!

II. (5:13-17) The PROOF of Fellowship:

Answered Prayer!

A. (v.13) The Conclusion leading up to prayer.

B. (v.14) The Confidence we have in prayer.

C. (v.15) The Comfort received by prayer.

D. (vs.16-17) The Challenge to pray.

III. (5:18-21) PRODUCT of Fellowship:

A Life-Style that Avoids Sin!

A. (v.18) We know about Sin.

B. (v.19) We know about the Saints.

C. (v.20) We know about the Savior.

D. (v.21) We know about Sanctification.

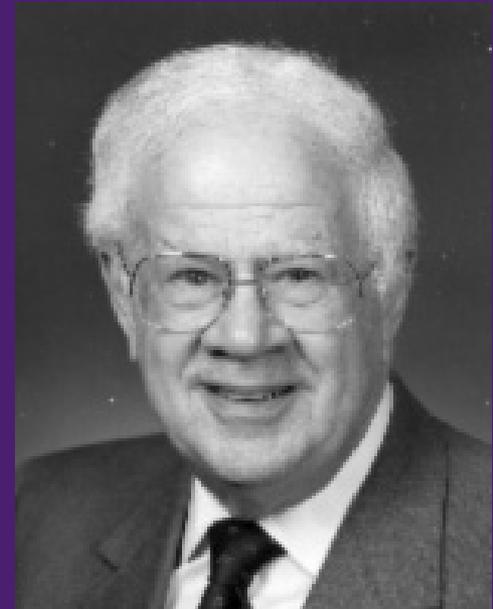
The PROOF of Our Fellowship!

Our Prayers and Petitions are Answered by God

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Prayer is an attitude of total dependence on God. Prayer is not pouring our requests into the ear of God. God already knows what we need. Prayer is consciously depending on God to meet our need in accordance with the promises of His Word.

When the child of God depends on God, God's hand is moved.



The PROOF of Our Fellowship!

Our Prayers and Petitions are Answered by God

1. (v.13) The CONCLUSION

leading up to prayer.

Note: Verse 13 is a transitioning verse which ties verses 1-12 with verses 13-17.

a. (v.1) It links the believer to the Father.

b. (v.5) It links the believer to the Son.

c. (v.10) It links the believer to the Spirit.

d. (v.11) It links the believer to life eternal.

The PROOF of Our Fellowship!

Our Prayers and Petitions are Answered by God

1. (v.13) The CONCLUSION

leading up to prayer.

a. Verse 13 is a transitioning verse.

b. Verse 13 gives direction –

To those who believe!

c. Verse 13 states the purpose –

***So that you may know
that you have
eternal life!***

(v.15, 18, 19, 20)

The PROOF of Our Fellowship!

Our Prayers and Petitions are Answered by God

- 1. (v.13) The CONCLUSION leading up to prayer.***
- 2. (v.14) The CONFIDENCE we have in prayer!***

***When we ask “anything” that is in
“accordance to His will,” He hears us!***

Hebrews 4:16

Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The PROOF of Our Fellowship!

Our Prayers and Petitions are Answered by God

- 1. (v.13) The CONCLUSION leading up to prayer.***
- 2. (v.14) The CONFIDENCE we have in prayer.***
- 3. (v.15) The COMFORT received in prayer!***
 - a. “And” draws our attention back to verse 14.***
 - b. “If” builds on praying in accordance to God’s will.***
 - c. “We know” that God will grant our request.***

NOTE:

Gnostic’s Prayer: Self centered / temporal! (3:17)

Believer’s Prayer: God centered / eternal! (5:2)

The PROOF of Our Fellowship!

Our Prayers and Petitions are Answered by God

4. (vs.16-17) The CHALLENGE to pray!

a. (v.16) *Things to Notice:*

1.) Conditional Clause - “If” is hypothetical.

2.) Committing “a” Sin - not singular / life-style.

**3.) Conclusion - Intercessory prayer is an
imperative for all those in fellowship!
(WHY?)**

***Those in fellowship pray in accordance to God’s will.
Thus, God not only hears, He answers!***

Time Out!

Sometimes Discipline is Necessary

1 Corinthians 5:6-12

- 1. (v.6) The context is sexual immorality in the church. And because the person in sin refuses to repent, Paul decides that he should be turned over to Satan for judgment. And to support his decision, he uses the illustration of making bread – a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough (cf. Matthew 18:15-20)!***

Time Out!

Sometimes Discipline is Necessary

I Corinthians 5:6-12

2. (v.9-12) I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world ... But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one. (II Corinthians 5:6 / with Lord)

Time Out!
Sometimes Discipline is Necessary

WHY?

1 Corinthians 11:32

We are disciplined by the Lord in order that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Hebrews 12:6

For whom God loves He disciplines.

Proverbs 19:18

Discipline your son while there is hope.

The PROOF of Our Fellowship!

Our Prayers and Petitions are Answered by God

4. (vs.16-17) The CHALLENGE to pray!

a. (v.16) *Things to Notice:*

1.) Conditional Clause - “If” is hypothetical.

2.) Committing “a” Sin - not singular / life-style.

3.) Conclusion - Intercessory prayer is imperative.

b. (v.17) *Things to Notice:*

1.) Caution - All unrighteousness is sin (Rom.6:23).

2.) Comfort – Not all sin leads to death (1:7; 2:1-2).

B. (5:13-17) The PROOF of Fellowship!

C. (5:18-21) The PRODUCT of Fellowship!

Four Summary Statements & Concluding Warnings!

*As a result of the believer's fellowship with God,
he/she has been given knowledge:*

1. (v.18) Knowledge about SIN!

John approaches this knowledge from a heavenly perspective.

- a. **"We know"** - (oidamen) used to show a logical conclusion from John's teaching.
- b. **"that"** - all those born of God refuse to live a life-style that practices sin.

B. (5:13-17) The PROOF of Fellowship!

C. (5:18-21) The PRODUCT of Fellowship!

1. (v.18) Knowledge about SIN!

c. “but” - contrast used to show how the believer is being kept from sin by God:

1.) (1:7) Jesus' blood has paid our sin debt.

2.) (2:1-2) God can't see sin because of our advocate.

3.) (5:16) Our intercessory prayers are answered.

4.) (5:18) The believer is protected by God from Satan.

- B. (5:13-17) The PROOF of Fellowship!**
C. (5:18-21) The PRODUCT of Fellowship!

2. (v.19) Knowledge about the SAINTS!

John approaches the subject from an earthly perspective.

- a. **“We know”** - (oidamen) logical conclusion of John’s teaching as presented in his book.
- b. **“that”** - the believer is under God’s control and the unbeliever is under the control of Satan.
- 1.) Chap. 1 – World rejects God’s love / Incarnation.
 - 2.) Chap. 2 – World rejects Son’s love / Propitiation.
 - 3.) Chap. 3 – World rejects Spirit’s love / Conscience.
 - 4.) Chap. 4 – World rejects Apostles love / Gospel.
 - 5.) Chap. 5 – World rejects the testimony / Agreement.

B. (5:13-17) The PROOF of Fellowship!

C. (5:18-21) The PRODUCT of Fellowship!

3. (v.20) Knowledge about the SAVIOR!

John approaches the subject from an inward perspective.

a. “We know” - (oidamen) logical conclusion of John’s teaching as presented in his book.

b. “that” - the believer’s fellowship with God and understanding of God is built on the truth of the Incarnate One.

1.) So that ... we know Him who is true (John 14:6).

2.) So that ... we identify with Him who is true (4:7).

3.) So that ... we have fellowship / eternal life thru Him.

The world chooses to remain under the power of Satan!

B. (5:13-17) The PROOF of Fellowship!

C. (5:18-21) The PRODUCT of Fellowship!

4. (v.21) Knowledge about SANCTIFICATION!

John approaches the subject from an outward perspective.

It is in this last and concluding verse that John summarizes the teaching given throughout the book!

“Guard yourselves from anyone or anything that might cause you to stumble!”

The Westminster Confession!

An Unknown Author

Out of this life I shall never take
The things of silver and gold I make;

All that I cherish and hoard away
After I leave, on this earth must stay;

Tho' I call it mine and boast of its worth
I must give it up when I leave this earth;

All that I gather, all that I keep,
I must leave behind when I fall asleep;

An Unknown Author

And I often wonder what I shall own
In the other life, when I pass alone;

Will the great Judge say
When the task is through,
My Spirit has gathered some riches too?

Or shall at last it be mine to find,
That all I worked for I left behind?

So long old friend!

***I am the way, the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through Me!***

