1 John 2: Truth, Lies, & the Relationships that Frame These

GOD IS A GOD OF RELATIONSHIPS/FELLOWSHIP:

1. God is in Relationship/Fellowship with HIMself (Father, Son, Spirit [F,S,S]).
   1. GOD “Elohim” Created the Heavens & Earth Genesis 1:1
   2. GOD said “Let ‘Us’ Make Man in Our Image, According to Our Likeness” Genesis 1:26
2. GOD (F,S,S) is in Relationship/Fellowship with Creation
   1. . The whole earth is full of HIS Mercy and HIS Goodness Psalm 119:64, Psalm 33:5
3. GOD is in Relationship/Fellowship with Man. Psalms 8:4
   1. Old Testament Examples
      1. GOD, Adam, Eve. Genesis 2,3
      2. GOD, Enoch Genesis 5:24
      3. GOD, Noah Genesis 6:9
      4. GOD, Abraham Genesis 12:1
      5. GOD, Moses Exodus 3:2-10
      6. GOD, Children of Israel (Exodus 2:23-25), Judges (Judges 2:16), Prophets (1 Samuel 2:26; 3)
   2. New Testament Examples
      1. GOD, Joseph, Mary Matthew 1:18-24
      2. GOD, Jesus *Luke 3:21-22*
      3. GOD, Disciples/Apostles *Matthew 16:17-20*
      4. GOD, Church *Acts 2:1-4*

The apostle john continued to build upon the foundation of relationship /felowship by establishing this within the church:

1. Review Chapter 1’s teaching from the previous week on the occasion for writing this letter
2. Apostle John emphasizes Fellowship/Relationship in chapter 1
   1. Fellowship/Relationship with GOD *1 John 1:6*
   2. Fellowship/Relationship with Apostles *1 John 1:3*
   3. Fellowship/Relationship with Other Believers *1 John 1:7*
3. Aposte John embraces Fellowship/Relationship with the Believers *1 John 2:12-14*
   1. I write unto you children – your sins have been forgiven because of JESUS’ name & you know the FATHER
   2. I write unto you fathers – you know HIM who is from the beginning
   3. I write unto you young men – you have overcome the evil one, you are strong, and the word of GOD lives in you
4. Apostle John identifies Fellowship/Relationship Builders in chapter 2
   1. We have an **Advocate** – One who Cheers On / Pleading Your Case w/ FATHER
      1. Parakletos – Paraclete – *Helper*
      2. JESUS – 1 John 2:1
      3. HOLY SPIRIT - John 14:15-16
      4. Romans 8:26-27
   2. Our Advocate, JESUS the Christ, has become the **Propitiation** for our sins
      1. Propitiation – appeasement for man’s part in broken fellowship/relationship
      2. 1 John 2:2
   3. The action(s) of Propitiation also worked as an **Atonement**
      1. **AT-ONE-MENT** – the fellowship/relationship with GOD is restored through JESUS
      2. JESUS fulfilled the Old Testament requirement of a spotless, blood sacrifice in order that sins might be remitted – Hebrews 9:22
      3. Adam and Eve hid themselves from GOD; GOD didn’t turn from them. JESUS’ work at calvary made it possible for man to truly restore broken fellowship
   4. Knowing GOD Experientially works to build fellowship/relationship
      1. Learning HIS teachings/instructions toward obeying and adapting our lives to them creates habits that maintain proper focus  
         1. Habitually keeping GOD’s Word is an indicator to Us (ourselves) that we are in HIM. *1 John 2:4-5*
         2. Loving Other Believers is an indicator to Others that we are JESUS CHRST’s disciples. *John 13:35*
      2. Experiential knowledge requires abiding in HIM *1 John 2:6*
         1. Abiding implies dwelling, taking up residence in…
         2. Walking (Living) as HE lives produces an intimate connection
   5. Loving our Fellow Believers builds fellowship/relationship *1 John 2:10*
   6. Holding on to Truth solidifies fellowship/relationship *1 John 2:2*
   7. Other Fellowship/Relationship builders:
      1. Doing the Will of GOD *1 John 2:17*
      2. Listening to the HOLY SPIRIT *1 John 2:20,27*
      3. Acknowledging JESUS CHRIST fully *1 John 2:23*
5. Conversely, the Apostle John points out Behaviors that detract from Fellowship/Relationship with GOD and with one another
   1. Sin works to separate, not unite
      1. **Hamartano** – sins (verb); indicates actions that “miss the mark” *1 John 2:1*
      2. (fyi) Hamartia – sins (noun); the nature causing one to miss the mark (a source for Hamartano
   2. Lies/Liars detract from fellowship/relationship
      1. I know HIM, but don’t keep HIS teachings can’t be true
      2. Profession from the mouth doesn’t match the practice/action
   3. Hating fellow Christians inhibits true fellowship/relationship
      1. This reveals a life in darkness (apart from GOD, in whom there is No darkness at all) *1 John 1*
      2. Reveals lack of vision (direction) / blindness *1 John 2:11*
   4. Love of the World (system) works to prevent fellowship/relationship
      1. Displaces love of the FATHER
      2. Cannot love GOD and Mammon, a symbol of this world’s system *Matthew 6:24*
      3. Characterized by the temptation of JESUS *Luke 4*
         1. Lust of the flesh
         2. Lust of the eyes
         3. Pride of life
   5. Substituting Other (in the place of) “Christs” prohibits fellowship/relationship *1 John 2:18*
      1. Denying the full reality of JESUS the CHRIST *1 John 2:22*

**The Apostle John appeals to the Believers to let Truth abide in them. This Truth of who JESUS is comes with a promise of eternal life *1 John 2:24-25***

**Relationships that Frame Truth, Lies**

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| Relationship with GOD through JESUS | | | Relationship with the devil | | |
| Relationship with Biblical Light | | | Relationship with darkness | | |
| Relationship with Love | | **TRUTH** | **LIES** | Relationship with Hate | |
| Relationship with Biblical Truth | | Relationship with Lies | |
| Relationship with the Word of GOD | | Relationship with Obedience | Relationship with Anti-Christ | Relationship with Sin | |

**HOMEWORK**

1. Review the work Koinonia.
   1. How is it used in this text (1 John 2) and within the context of Fellowship/Relationship?
2. What is one thing that you will take away from this study that you can share with someone who might ask you about 1 John 2?