



Christ's Gift of Fellowship is Worth Keeping

(1 John 2:1-11)

Sermon Notes: Feb 11

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. 'But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not only ours but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2: 1 – 2. (ESV)*

John's purpose for Chapter 2: John wants believers to keep Christ's gift of fellowship free from sin.

Sermon outline:

1. Apostle John invites us into the joy of knowing Christ in fellowship. (1 John 1: 3 - 4)
2. God leads us in his kindness through Apostle John to put away sin. (1 John 2: 1)
3. Apostle John learned of Christ being his advocate and his propitiation from fellowshiping with Christ. (1 John 2: 1 – 2 & 1 John 1: 6, 8 - 9)

Psalm 27 referencing 1 John 2: 1 – 11

The Lord is my light and my fellowship whom shall I hate?
The Lord is the strength of my fellowship against whom shall I keep a record of wrongs?

When my unforgiveness pressures me to keep being unforgiving
My unforgiveness shall stumble and fall.
When I have lied about my walk with Christ my lying shall also stumble and fall.

Though my feelings of hurt and betrayal wage war against who I am in Christ, my heart in Christ shall not fear.
Though my feelings of inadequacy, inferiority, even hate fight within me,
Yet in Christ, I shall be confident.

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this I shall seek after: that I may experience Christ as my advocate as I fellowship with him, that I may come to know him as the propitiation for my sins, for myself, for those I live with, go to church with, all that my life touches.

That I may gaze upon him who is my light and my fellowship.
And in whom there is no darkness at all.

Good Morning Whyte Ridge!

My name is Philip Edwards. I have been a Pastor in Winnipeg for the last 9 years connecting people to God's love present in Christ. I am in-between assignments right now, so I am glad for the chance to rest. I have been sitting among you for the past few months enjoying your ministry and worship services. I have been asked to share the message this morning and I am honoured to do so. Grace and Peace to all.



Study and Discussion Questions
1 John 2:1-11

Explore It

1. Why did John write this letter? ([2:1](#))
2. For whom is Jesus an atoning sacrifice? ([2:2](#))
3. What test did John describe for knowing whether or not a person truly knows God? ([2:3-6](#))
4. How are claiming to be a Christian and loving one's fellow Christians related? ([2:9-11](#))

Get It

5. In what way is Jesus like our attorney?
6. How can we get to know God better?
7. What does the way in which we treat other believers reveal about us?

Apply It

8. What steps will you take this week to walk in the light?