
Walking in Fellowship – Week 1

YOU'RE INVITED!

1 John 1:1-4

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Introduction: This morning, we start a new series in the Epistles of John that I'm entitling, *Walking in Fellowship*. During this series, we'll look at John's main letter, 1 John, and then we'll take one week each to explore letters two and three. Since John's gospel is so straightforward and easy to read, we expect that his letters would be straightforward as well, and when read casually they *do* seem easy. But when you delve into them more deeply, they raise all sorts of questions. In this series, we *will* go deep, but we'll also make John's teaching very applicable to our current situation. In this first passage, John's introduction, the author is inviting us into something. I'm sure you've received many invitations to many events. But imagine you are invited to an event you've dreamed about for years: Maybe it's a backstage pass to your favorite concert. Maybe you've been invited by an NBA player to receive courtside tickets to the championship game. You're massively excited about this invitation. But imagine if the person who invited you was even more excited? And what if, when you said "Yes," the person jumped with excitement because you decided to come. That would be pretty cool... , definitely a win-win all the way around. With this letter, the apostle John is inviting you into something. And we see what this is in the first four verses of his letter. He's hoping that you might respond to his invitation. Let's see what this invitation is and why we might want to accept. To explore these verses, we will ask and answer 3 questions.

1. **Who is the author and what is he inviting us into?**

Matthew 4:21-22

2. **What is his topic and why should we care?**

1 John 1:1-4

3. What is John's promise and how do we obtain it?

1 John 1:1-2

Main Idea

Takeaways