
Walking in Fellowship – Week 2

THE BASICS OF WALKING WITH GOD

1 John 1:5-2:2

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Introduction: Anytime we embark on a new skill, we're motivated to investigate and then master the basics. This is true of such diverse things as golf, tennis, cooking, competing in triathlons, or playing chess. In the past, we'd trust the hired experts; we had no other choice. But these days, we can go to spaces like YouTube or Rumble and search for those who can tell us, *and show us*, what the basics are and how to nail them down. But one thing stays the same: we must master the basics. Vince Lombardi famously focused on the basics in his Green Bay Packers locker room after a particularly heartbreaking loss. Holding up a football, he said, "Gentlemen, this is a football." He then proceeded to instruct his players on blocking and tackling. We can never get away from the basics. The same holds true in our walk with God. We need constant reminders of the basics of walking with God, but perhaps stated in fresh ways. In this passage, the aged apostle John, the elder statesman of the faith, provides us with the essentials of walking with God. In it, he answers the question: "What are the central things we need to know *and do* to walk with God on a daily basis?" In other words, what are the basic principles for walking with God in my daily life. We may think we know the answer, but the ideas John provides are both simple in their concepts and utterly profound in their implications.

1st Skill - I see God for who He is

1 John 1:5; 1:7

2nd Skill - I see myself for who I am

1 John 1:6-10

3rd Skill - I boldly entrust myself to Him
1 John 2:1-2

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Takeaways