

How to have Fellowship with God (Part 2)

1 John 1:8-10

- A. If we deny our sin as God reveals it, we are deceiving ourselves (1 John 1:8).
- B. If we confess our sin, God forgives and cleanses us so that we can enjoy fellowship with Him (1 John 1:9).
 - A. As we confess sin, God forgives us of the sins we know about.
 - 1. *Faithful* – We can depend on God to forgive every time. His forgiveness does not run out.
 - 2. *Just* – We know that God can forgive because of the continual effect of Christ's death (see 1:7).
 - B. As we confess sin, God cleanses us of all unrighteousness – even the sins we don't know about.
- C. If we deny our sin as God reveals it, we will forfeit fellowship with God – and His word is useless in our lives (1 John 1:10).