

DEEPER LIFE BIBLE CHURCH NL | SUNDAY SERMON | 21 JUNE 2026

FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS

1 John 1:1-10

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“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.” This is the account of an eyewitness. The Christian faith is communicated to us through reports of those who saw Jesus, lived with Him, ate with Him, touched Him and were transformed by His life and teachings. God has not called us to fables or fantasy; the Old Testament speaks extensively about Jesus, the Messiah who was yet to come. Here is the report of those who witnessed the fulfilment of that prophesy and could confidently say, **“We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ... We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph”** (John 1:41,45). God is calling you to fellowship with this same Jesus. This fellowship will bring God’s power into your life and give you a joy you can find nowhere else.

RECEIVING HIS LIFE 1 John 1:1-4

Coming to Jesus is coming to divine life. We all have the natural life; but this life is spiritual. The natural man is spiritually dead; he is separated from God (Eph 2:1-3). But when you give your life to Jesus, you receive the gift of life from God by faith. You recognise Jesus as God who became man (John 1:1,14). Knowing Jesus is eternal life (John 17:3). Being born again means you become spiritually alive, you become God-conscious, you can love God and respond to His love, you become a child of God (John 1:12,14). Coming to Jesus by faith, you receive forgiveness of sins, you pass from judgment to life, you have peace with God, and you can fellowship with Him (John 3:15,16; 5:24). This is what brings fulness of joy (1 John 1:4; 1 Pet 1:8).

REFLECTING HIS LIGHT 1 John 1:5-7

Jesus is the Light of the world (John 8:12). God calls you to walk in His light (Isa 2:5; Eph 5:8). Coming to Jesus is coming out of darkness into God’s light; that is what the preaching of the gospel does to the sinner (Isa 9:2; Acts 26:16-18). Darkness is anything that is of the devil: things that are unfruitful, evil, sinful, corrupt, unclean, immoral, shameful, etc. The light of God reveals those things; those who follow Jesus flee those things (Eph 5:1-13). Those who walk in the light do not hate their neighbours. They do not curse others or rail on them. They are not quarrelsome or naggy. They do not do questionable business. They do not lie to their neighbours or deceive them. They do not walk in the company of drunkards. They flee from immorality or any other thing that God hates. They love their neighbours because God’s light is in them. God desires you to let your light shine in this way so other can see His work through you and glorify Him (Mat 5:14-16; 1 Pet 2:9).

REJOICING IN HIS LIBERTY 1 John 1:8-10

Jesus sets free from the bondage of sin and Satan and brings us into the liberty of the children of God (Luke 4:18; John 8:10,11,31-36). It is dishonest to say that you have never sinned. The Bible confirms that all have sinned and are guilty before God (Pro 30:12; Rom 3:19,23,32). Repenting of your sins and believing in Jesus sets you free. You do not need to sacrifice animals, inflict injury on yourself, travel to a holy land, send money to a priest, or suffer in any way to be free from sin and be accepted by God. Jesus did all that for you. That is liberty. You have liberty to do right, to live right, to please God; Jesus has set you free from the bondage of iniquity, from the power that made you do what even you knew was wrong. Now is time to live in that liberty and no longer be entangled again in bondage (Gal 5:1,13). You will maintain that liberty by sowing to the Spirit and not yielding to the flesh, to temptations (Gal 6:7,8; 1 Pet 2:11-16). You will maintain that liberty by continuing in the perfect law that governs it (Jam 1:25). Being made free from sin, you should now serve the Lord actively in righteousness (Luk 1:74,75; Rom 6:1-4,11-14).

God has brought us eternal life. Jesus is the Light of the world. Jesus has given us true liberty. Receive His life and live. Embrace His light and radiate it. Experience His liberty and rejoice in it.