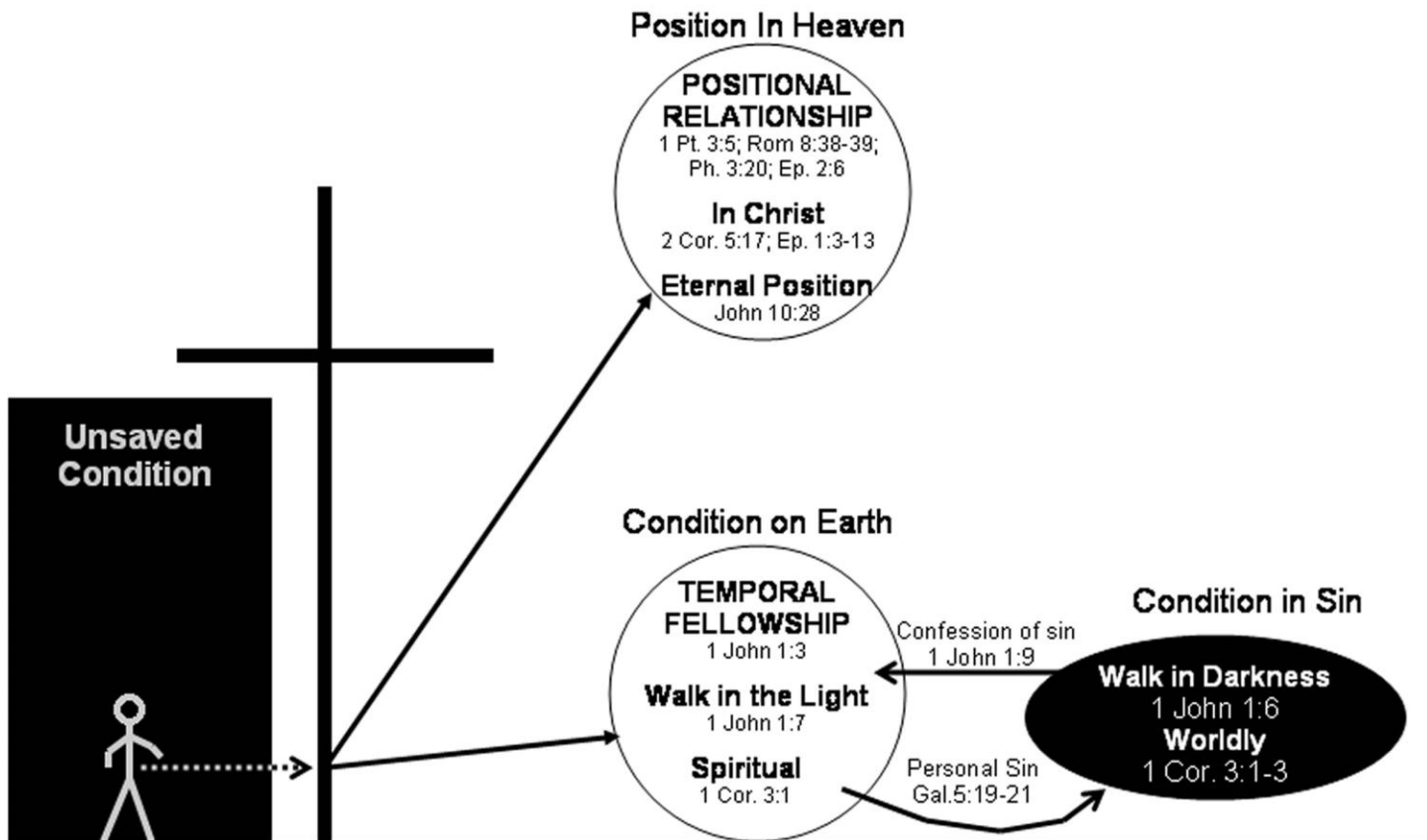


**First John 1:5-10** (actually 1:5-2:2 is a unit)

Synonyms:

- “fellowship with God”
- “knowing God”
- “abiding in God”
- “seeing God”



Verses 1:5, 7 and 9 expresses a truth.

Verses 1:6, 8 and 10 are the false claims made by the false teachers.

TRUTH	FALSE CLAIM
- God is light (1:5)	- We have fellowship with him (1:6)
- Walking in the light is necessary for fellowship with God (1:7)	- We have no guilt for sin (1:8)
- Confession is necessary to restore fellowship with God (1:9)	- We have not sinned (1:10)

**1 John 1:6** – “If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”

1437 [e]	3004 [e]	3754 [e]	2842 [e]	2192 [e]	3326 [e]	846 [e]	2532 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	4655 [e]	4043 [e]	5574 [e]	
Ean	eipōmen	hoti	koinōnian	echomen	met'	autou	kai	en	tō	skotei	peripatōmen	pseudometha	
6 Ἐὰν	εἴπωμεν	ὅτι	κοινωνίαν	ἔχομεν	μετ'	αὐτοῦ	, καὶ	ἐν	τῷ	σκότει	περιπατῶμεν	, ψευδόμεθα	,
if	we should say	that	fellowship	we have	with	him	and yet	in	the	darkness	should walk	we lie	
Conj	V-ASA-1P	Conj	N-AFS	V-PIA-1P	Prep	PPro-GM3S	Conj	Prep	Art-DNS	N-DNS	V-PSA-1P	V-PIM/P-1P	

2532 [e]	3756 [e]	4160 [e]	3588 [e]	225 [e]	
kai	ou	poioumen	tēn	alētheian	
καὶ	οὐ	ποιοῦμεν	τὴν	ἀλήθειαν	.
and	not	do practice	the	truth	
Conj	Adv	V-PIA-1P	Art-AFS	N-AFS	

- True fellowship is only possible where the apostolic doctrine is accepted, believed, practiced
- 1 John 1:7** – “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

1437 [e]	1161 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	5457 [e]	4043 [e]	5613 [e]	846 [e]	1510 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	5457 [e]	2842 [e]	2192 [e]	3326 [e]
ean	de	en	tō	phōti	peripatōmen	hōs	autos	estin	en	tō	phōti	koinōnian	echomen	met'
7 ἔὰν	δὲ	ἐν	τῷ	φωτὶ	περιπατῶμεν	, ὡς	αὐτός	ἐστὶν	ἐν	τῷ	φωτὶ	, κοινωνίαν	ἔχομεν	μετ'
if	however	in	the	light	we should walk	, as	he	is	in	the	light	fellowship	we have	with
Conj	Conj	Prep	Art-DNS	N-DNS	V-PSA-1P	Adv	PPro-NM3S	V-PIA-3S	Prep	Art-DNS	N-DNS	N-AFS	V-PIA-1P	Prep

240 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	129 [e]	2424 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	846 [e]	2511 [e]	1473 [e]	575 [e]	3956 [e]	266 [e]	
allēlōn	kai	to	haima	Iēsou	tou	Huiou	autou	katharizei	hēmas	apo	pasēs	hamartias	
ἀλλήλων	, καὶ	τὸ	αἷμα	Ἰησοῦ	, τοῦ	Υἱοῦ	αὐτοῦ	, καθαρίζει	ἡμᾶς	ἀπὸ	πάσης	ἁμαρτίας	.
one another	and	the	blood	of Jesus	the	Son	of him	cleanses	us	from	all	sin	
RecPro-GMP	Conj	Art-NNS	N-NNS	N-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	PPro-GM3S	V-PIA-3S	PPro-A1P	Prep	Adj-GFS	N-GFS	

- The room has light and we walk in the light of the room. God is also light and is in that room of light. So, we walk in the room of light and we are with God in the light.
- “One another” means fellowship between us and God, not us and other believers although that would be the case if they also had fellowship with God along with us.
- Cleansing of the conscience from guilt as in Hebrews 9:14 and 10:2, 22.
- Jesus’ blood is a reference to Jesus’ historical death. There is no special physical blood of Jesus that was taken to heaven. It was by his death that he paid the price. This death is identified as “the blood of Jesus.”

**1 John 1:8** – “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

1437 [e]	3004 [e]	3754 [e]	266 [e]	3756 [e]	2192 [e]	1438 [e]	4105 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	225 [e]	3756 [e]	1510 [e]	1722 [e]
ean	eipōmen	hoti	hamartian	ouk	echomen	heautous	planōmen	kai	hē	alētheia	ouk	estin	en
8 ἔὰν	εἴπωμεν	ὅτι	ἁμαρτίαν	οὐκ	ἔχομεν	, ἐαυτοὺς	πλανῶμεν	, καὶ	ἡ	ἀλήθεια	οὐκ	ἔστιν	ἐν
if	we should say	that	sin	not	we have	ourselves	we deceive	and	the	truth	not	is	in
Conj	V-ASA-1P	Conj	N-AFS	Adv	V-PIA-1P	RefPro-AM3P	V-PIA-1P	Conj	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Adv	V-PIA-3S	Prep

1473 [e]	
hēmin	
ἡμῖν	.
us	
PPro-D1P	

This is the second false claim. We are not just lying, but we are deceiving ourselves. This is worse. There is no such thing as perfectionism.

**1 John 1:9** – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1437 [e]	3670 [e]	3588 [e]	266 [e]	1473 [e]	4103 [e]	1510 [e]	2532 [e]	1342 [e]	2443 [e]	863 [e]	1473 [e]	3588 [e]			
ean	homologōmen	tas	hamartias	hēmōn	pistos	estin	kai	dikaios	hina	aphē	hēmin	tas			
9	ἐὰν	ὁμολογῶμεν	τὰς	ἁμαρτίας	ἡμῶν	,	πιστός	ἔστιν	καὶ	δίκαιος	,	ἵνα	ἀφῆ	ἡμῖν	τὰς
If	we should confess	the	sins	of us	faithful	he is	and	just	that	he might forgive	us	[our]			
Conj	V-PSA-1P	Art-AFP	N-AFP	PPro-G1P	Adj-NMS	V-PIA-3S	Conj	Adj-NMS	Conj	V-ASA-3S	PPro-D1P	Art-AFP			

266 [e]	2532 [e]	2511 [e]	1473 [e]	575 [e]	3956 [e]	93 [e]
hamartias	kai	katharisē	hēmas	apo	pasēs	adikias
ἁμαρτίας	,	καθαρίσει	ἡμᾶς	ἀπὸ	πάσης	ἀδικίας
sins	and	might cleanse	us	from	all	unrighteousness
N-AFP	Conj	V-ASA-3S	PPro-A1P	Prep	Adj-GFS	N-GFS

- This verse is a test.
  - This is a test for the false teachers.
    - True teachers confess their sins
    - False teachers do not confess their sins. They somehow deny, explain, justify or cover up their sins
  - The main purpose of this epistle is to identify the false teachers and their false claims so the true believers may know they are in the correct apostolic truth and they do not need to secede with the others who are leaving John’s teaching (or, the eyewitness account.)
- This verse is secondarily a promise, but in the context it is a test for the person teaching.
- “Confess” is *homologeō* which literally means “to say the same thing.”
  - We need to say the same thing as God concerning sin.
  - We need to call the things sin that God has called sin.
  - Part of “*homologeō*” is repentance or NOT continuing in our sin, but turning away from it.
  - Merely calling something a sin is NOT full confession. Naming it and turning from it is what God’s Word says. This is what we need to say and do
  - “Forgiveness” is *aphiemi* which is the canceling of the debt owed to God for our sin and the dismissing of the charges of sin
  - “Cleansing” is *katharizo* which removes the stain of the sin.
- Forensic forgiveness is what we receive at salvation. We are justified in the courts of heaven. This makes us acceptable and places us in God’s family. This is positional.
- Continual forgiveness enables us to experience fellowship with God as sons in God’s family. This is temporal fellowship

**1 John 1:10** – “If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

1437 [e]	3004 [e]	3754 [e]	3756 [e]	264 [e]	5583 [e]	4160 [e]	846 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	3056 [e]	846 [e]	3756 [e]	1510 [e]			
ean	eipōmen	hoti	ouch	hēmartēkamen	pseustēn	poioumen	auton	kai	ho	logos	autou	ouk	estin			
10	ἐὰν	εἶπωμεν	ὅτι	οὐχ	ἡμαρτήκαμεν	,	ψεύστην	ποιοῦμεν	αὐτὸν	,	καὶ	ὁ	λόγος	αὐτοῦ	οὐκ	ἔστιν
If	we should say	that	not	we have sinned	a liar	we make	him	and	the	word	of him	not	is			
Conj	V-ASA-1P	Conj	Adv	V-RIA-1P	N-AMS	V-PIA-1P	PPro-AM3S	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	PPro-GM3S	Adv	V-PIA-3S			

1722 [e]	1473 [e]
en	hēmin
ἐν	ἡμῖν
in	us
Prep	PPro-D1P

- This third false claim is the most serious.
  - It claims the sin committed is not really sin.
  - It sets aside God’s revelation of sin
  - It makes man the authority for what is/isn’t sin
  - It claims that God is wrong concerning his judgment of man
  - This logic makes God “a liar”
  - The Word of God is dismissed as invalid.

