

Spiritual maturity does not just happen. If we have a **love for Jesus Christ**, it will be the result of God's grace working with our intentional obedience. Re: **Philippians 2:12-13**

"Community" is defined as "a group of people who have the same interest."

*Mission: To encourage believers to pursue a personal journey into the heart of God through sincere Bible Study and prayer, resulting in a passion for God and a compassion for others.*

"Fellowship" is the Greek word *Koinonia* = *to have things in common.*

### Threefold Theme in 1John

1. Connect to Community - Through Commitment
2. Build Community - Through acts of love
3. Protect Community - Knowing how to identify and reject false teachers

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—<sup>2</sup> the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—*

*<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.*

*<sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

### Preparing My Heart for Our Study of 1 John

"If the congregation truly meditated upon God's Word throughout the week in sincerity to find God, then on Sunday a word would be a sermon, a sermon would be a library. One hint of God would send our minds to heavenly imaginations. **Nothing makes the pulpit effective like prepared pews!**" Joseph Parker

1. What is the Threefold Theme of 1John? (NKJV) New King James Version  
A. \_\_\_\_\_ to Community

- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Community
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Community

2. We Connect to Community by accepting the invitation in **1 John 1:3**, which is what?

3. We Build Community by...

- A. **1 John 2:3** - "we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_"
- B. **1 John 2:10** - "he who \_\_\_\_\_ his brother \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_"
- C. **1 John 2:15** - "do not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_"
- D. **1 John 2:16** - What things of the world was John referring ?
  - i. The \_\_\_\_\_ (desires) of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
- E. **1 John 2:28** - Little children \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (who is the "Him?") \_\_\_\_\_
- F. **1 John 3:3** - What type of life does God expect us to practice?
- G. **1 John 3:18** - We love in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. **1 John 4:1** - We do not \_\_\_\_\_ every spirit, but \_\_\_\_\_ the spirits.
- I. **1 John 4:7,11** - Why do we love another?
- J. **1 John 5:3** - God's commandments are \_\_\_\_\_.
- K. **1 John 5:13** - By trusting in Christ what can we know? That we have \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- L. **1 John 5:21** - Keeping ourselves from \_\_\_\_\_

*Idols of the heart* are desires we have for things or people that override our love and obedience to God.

4. We Protect Community by Knowing and Living the Truth | Lies we can fall prey to....

- A. **1 John 1:6** | Lie #1 is ...
- B. **1 John 1:8** | Lie #2
- C. **1 John 2:4** | Lie #3
- E. **1 John 2:9** | Lie #4
- F. **1 John 3:10** | Lie #5, 6
- G. **1 John 3:17** | Lie #7
- H. **1 John 4:8** | Lie #8
- I. **1 John 4:20** | Lie #9
- J. **1 John 5:10** | Lie #10