Fellowship with the Trinity (1)

Fellowship (*koinōnia =* communion, sharing, or participation) with God is a fact. It is something true of every child of God (2 Peter 1:4, partakers *= koinōnoi*). The fact, however, is the basis for experiencing joy in fellowship with God (1:3-4)--[references below to 1 John].

**1. We fellowship with the *triune* God**

A. We fellowship with each person *individually* (1:3)

2 Corinthians 3:14; Philippians 2:1-2

B. We fellowship with all the persons *together*

**2. We fellowship with the *redeeming* God**

A. The Father who *sent* His Son (4:9-10)

B. The incarnate Son who *died* for us (1:1-2)

C. The Spirit who *indwells* us (3:24; 4:13)

3**. We fellowship with the *holy* God** by—

A. Walking in the *Light* (1:5-7)

B. Cleansing by the *blood* (1:7-10)

**5. We fellowship with the *loving* God**

(4:8, 16) which produces—

A. *Love* for God’s children (2:9; 4:20; 5:1-2)

B. *Fellowship* with believers (1:3, 7)

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. What was the most important or helpful thing you heard in the sermon?

2. What questions did the sermon raise in your mind?

 What was the most convicting part of the message?

3. Review my tract on the Trinity. Why are some illustrations of the Trinity harmful rather than helpful? What is wrong with using a heretical illustration of the Trinity to teach children if it seems to help them understand?

4. Do you relate more to one or two persons of the Trinity than to the other(s)? Why? What might you do to have a more balanced relationship with all three persons? How can you guard yourself from thinking of them as separate beings?