

Out of the Shadows and into the Light

What's Love Got To Do With It Series

I John 1:

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us

I. Love EMBRACED 1 John 1:1-2

- Embrace the **HISTORY** of Christ Jesus.
- Embrace the **HUMANITY** of Christ Jesus.

I John 1:

2 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

II. Love EXPERIENCED 1 John 1:1:3-4

- Experience the **COMMUNION** of Christ Jesus.

III. Love EXAMINIED 1 John 1:5-10

I John 1:

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Barriers to communion with God

- The **LEGAL** Barrier – **SIN**
- The **RELATIONAL** Barrier – **SELF**

Overcoming Barriers in communion with God.

- Only **FAITH** in Jesus Christ can overcome the barrier of Sin.

John 3:

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

- **Removing the Relational barriers requires us to CHANGE.**

Amos 3:3“Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?”

Steps to Relational Change

1. **START** with God and not you. 1 John 1:5-8
2. **STEP** out of the Shadow and into the Light (v 6-8)
3. Take sin **SERIOUSLY**. 1 John 1:9-10