

An Identity Shaped by Fellowship with Jesus

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Scripture: 1 John 1:1-10

- Introduction
 - You know you are getting old when:
 1. Surfing was done in the ____.
 2. Cable was something they held up ____.
 3. Your knees buckle, and your ____ won't.
 4. Your happy hour is when you take a ____.
 5. At the breakfast table, you hear snap, crackle, pop, and there is no ____.
 6. Your memory is shorter and your ____ is longer.
 7. Your ____ is your new best friend.
 - A crisis of Identity
 - Micah's Volleyball
 - Koinonia - Fellowship
 - Jesus Shaped Identity

- 1 John 1:1, *"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have **fellowship** with us. And our **fellowship** is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete."*

- THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELONGING
 - **Believing.** Acts 16:31, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."
 - **Belonging.** Ephesians 2:19, "you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's household,"
 - **Becoming.** Romans 8:29, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers (and sisters)."

- Romans 12:4, *"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."*
- THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE
 - Ephesians 1:18, *"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints."*
 - Our inheritance in Christ is a gift!
- THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIGHT
 - 1 John 1:5, *"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by 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, purifies us from all sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."*
- THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE FORGIVEN
 - 1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives."*