

# Walking With God - 4

## Staying In Fellowship With God

### 1 John 2:3-11

What if I told you there's a WAY for Christians to AVOID our "Sin Cycle" Altogether?

The way WE "Relate" to GOD says a Great Deal about Where WE Stand with GOD.

Today, John Explains HOW to BYPASS our "Sin Cycle," ENJOY Our Relationship with God & STAY In Fellowship with God...

In a Word, the SECRET is OBEDIENCE to God...

#### 1. OBEDIENCE IS THE SIGN OF THE RELATIONSHIP. (vv.3-5)

- Obedience PROVES The Reality Of Our FAITH. (vv. 3-4)
- We REVEAL our Relationship with GOD by the Fellowship we MAINTAIN.
- If we're in a Proper Relationship with God, we'll Maintain our Fellowship with God by OBEYING His Commands.
- We may be IN the World but we are NOT OF the World.
- Obedience Also PROVES the Reality of our LOVE. (v.5)
- Our LOVE for God is Proven NOT by "LIP-Service" but by "LIFE-Service."
- The Holy Spirit Enables me to PROVE my Love for God by OBEYING Him...
- Our OBEDIENCE TO God literally is a Testimony of our LOVE FOR God.

#### 2. OBEDIENCE IS THE SECRET OF FELLOWSHIP. (vv.6-11)

- Many Spend their Whole Christian Lives trying to Learn this Simple Truth.
- God EXPECTS Us To Obey. (v.7; Matthew 22:35-40)
- John EXPLAINS A New Level Of Obedience. (v.8; John 13:34-35)
- Jesus Set The EXAMPLE Of Obedience. (v.6)
- Our Obedience Will Be EXPRESSED. (vv.9-11)
- The TEST of our Obedience to God is whether or not we are Loving HIM by Loving OTHERS.