

Sunday Prayer Sheet: Fellowship in the Light

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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. 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. 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. We write this to make our joy complete. (v1-4)

- Thank God for John's clear, eyewitness testimony of Jesus' life and ministry.
- Give praise that God Himself came to live among us, His creatures, as a man.
- Praise God that Jesus, the Word of life, was both fully God and fully man.
- Pray that this fundamental gospel truth will bind us together as a church family, and make our joy complete.
- Pray for denominations and churches which have deviated from this truth, and pray that we will have the boldness and strength to oppose heresy and to stand up for the gospel.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you; God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 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. (v5-7)

- Give thanks for the gospel of light; that God is light, with no darkness.
- Give thanks that this message comes directly from Jesus Himself.
- Pray for God's help in living in the light; rejecting the darkness of our sin, and striving to please God in every area of our lives.
- Praise God that we can be confident of forgiveness because of Jesus' blood, shed for us on the cross, which purifies us from all sin.
- Pray for our church family, that walking together in the light we may grow in genuine fellowship with one another.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. (v8-10)

- Take time now to confess your own individual sins to our gracious, loving and forgiving Father.
- Praise God for His justice and mercy, and that He not only forgives us our sins, but works in us to purify us and make us more holy.
- Pray that, by His Spirit, God will continue this purifying work of making us more like His Son Jesus.

Every blessing

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