

A Barometer of Fellowship

1 John 1:1-4

Background of the epistle

Author

Recipients

Occasion

Theme

Relation to the gospel of John

Fellowship rests on the reality of the incarnation (1-3a)

As we draw closer to God, we will enjoy a deeper relationship with him

We tell others about Christ so they can enjoy a relationship with him as well

Fellowship results in joy (3-4)

Our joy increases as our relationship with God deepens

Our joy increases as others come to know God