

## **Session 7 – Drawing Near and Confessing Sin**

Drawing Near: Basics of a Relationship with God – 2025

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### **I. Introduction – 1 John 1:1-2:2**

Fellowship with God is a joyous privilege uniting all God's people conditioned upon confession of sin yet secured through the work of Jesus Christ.

### **II. Fellowship with God is a joyous privilege... (verses 1-5)**

### **III. ...uniting all God's people (verses 3, 7)**

**Colin Kruse:** "...There is no real fellowship with God which is not expressed in fellowship with other believers" (64).

### **IV. ....conditioned upon confession of sin (verses 5-10)**

#### **A. *God is light***

**B. Option #1: We can walk in the darkness**

1. Denial #1 – Sin doesn't affect my fellowship with God (verse 6).
2. Denial #2 – Sin isn't part of my nature (verse 8).
3. Denial #3 – Sin is not something I actually do (verse 10).

**C. Option #2: We can walk in the light**

1. We must see our sin (verse 7)
2. We must confess our sin (verse 9)
3. We must forsake our sin (verse 2:1)

**V. ...yet secured through the work of Jesus Christ (vs 1-2)**

**VI. Application**