

**1 John 1:1 - 2:6**  
**Reasons for Writing**

I John 1:5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

**That we may have fellowship.**

I Jn 1:1-3 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life--and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us--what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, **that you also may have fellowship with us**; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

**Because sharing makes life complete**

I John 1:4 And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

**Because sin can be defeated.**

I John 1:6 - 2:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness...

**Because sin can be defeated.**

...If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments...

**Because sin can be defeated.**

...The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.