

OUTLINE OF 1 JOHN

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2A THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS CHAP 2:7-4:21

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THEME: The requirements for fellowship between believers and God, and the requirements for fellowship among believers.

Key verse: 1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.