



## THE LETTERS OF JOHN

# Rewards of participating in the Holy fellowship, P1

Session Number: 8 | Week: 2 | Day: 1

### Bible Passage

1 John 5: 1-12

### Introduction

In this session, 1 John Chapter 5: 1-12, we focus on understanding the benefits (fruits, rewards, or consequences) of participating in holy fellowship in a hostile environment. In this session, we will study the first three benefits, and the next session will cover the last three benefits

### Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Understood the doctrine of the Holy communion by listing at least 6 benefits of participating.
- Appreciated the benefits of participating in the Holy communion, fellowship during their walk in a hostile culture by listing them from the scriptures provided
- Described the hostile culture towards kingdom culture by identifying its elements such as darkness, hating, and killing.

### Session Outline

- Benefits of participating in the Holy Communion
- Hostile culture of darkness, hating, and killing
- Dangers of not participating Holy communion

### Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

### Comprehending

- Discuss this statement: Believing Travelers, in the foreign cultures which are hostile (dark, hating, and killing) to their faith, can experience sickness, weakness, and even death unless they deliberately participate in the Holy communion.
- Read 1 John 5: 1-3. What is the first Consequence (benefit, result, or fruit ? ???) of participating in the Holy communion (with the Father, the Son, and the other children)
- Read 1 John 5: 4-5. What is the second benefit of participating in the Holy Communion?
- Read 1 John 5: 6-12. What is the third fruit ? of participating in the Holy fellowship from the HOLY trinity?

### Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
  - **Sin** to confess
  - **Promise** to claim
  - **Attitude** to change
  - **Command** to keep
  - **Error** to change
  - **Prayer** to make
  - **Example** to copy
  - **Truth** to obey and
  - **Something** praiseworthy

### Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.

### Audio Summary

#### 1 John 5:1-12

- **Context:**
  - John addresses a fellowship shaken by antichrists denying Jesus’ incarnation, using Luke 15 brothers to reflect Jews/Gentiles tempted to leave.
  - Chapter 5 highlights benefits of abiding in holy fellowship amidst a hostile world.
- **Benefit: Keeping Commands (1 John 5:1-3):**
  - Believing Jesus is the Christ makes us God’s children, loving God and His children (v. 1-2); God’s commands become non-burdensome through love (v. 3).
  - Mercy enables joyful obedience, sustaining fellowship.
- **Benefit: Overcoming the World (1 John 5:4-5):**
  - Faith in Jesus as God’s Son grants victory over the world (v. 4-5); abiding believers conquer worldly pressures through trust in Christ.
  - Mercy empowers faith’s triumph over evil.
- **Benefit: Accepting God’s Testimony (1 John 5:6-12):**
  - Jesus came by water, blood, and Spirit—earthly witnesses confirming His incarnation (v. 6-8); God’s testimony (Father, Son, Spirit) affirms eternal life in Christ (v. 9-11).
  - Rejecting this is aligning with antichrists; accepting it secures life (v. 12).
  - Mercy anchors believers in God’s truth.
- **Application:**
  - Abide in fellowship to obey God effortlessly, overcome the world through faith, and embrace God’s testimony—mercy ensures victory over heresy and darkness.