

Walking in the Light

1 John 1:5-10

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Brief History

John wrote 1, 2 & 3 John to dispel various errors, which have crept into the 1st century church. He, John, wanted people to understand the truth of Jesus and what He said. Remember that John was the only living Disciple of Jesus. All the other disciples had been martyred and even John was put into boiling oil twice to kill him but God miraculously saved him from death and he was eventually banished to the Island of Patmos.

1, 2 & 3 John were written around 85-90AD and John wrote Revelations in about 95AD while in prison on the Isle of Patmos. During this period, there were basically, two errors, which had started creeping into the church.

1. Some people started believing that they need to live a life, denying the bodies desires through rigid behavior.
2. Some people believe that gratifying every physical lust because they believed that the body was going to be destroyed anyway. Obviously this was the most popular believe but still totally wrong and contrary to the Gospel.

Discussion of the passage.

Light represents what is GOOD, PURE, TRUE, HOLY and REASONABLE, where Darkness represents what is SINFUL and EVIL.

V5. The Statement, “God is light”, means that God is PERFECTLY HOLY and TRUE and the HE ALONE can GUIDE us out of a life of SIN.

Light is also related to TRUTH in that Light exposes whatever is hidden, it eposes everything good or bad.

Just as Darkness cannot exist in the Light so SIN can cannot exist in the presence of a Holy God! Thus if we want to have a relationship with God we need to put aside our sinful life style.

V6. Many people claim to “walk” with God or to have some special relationship with God but they are still living in the Darkness of Sin. The bible calls the a Liar and blinded by sin.

V8. I have often heard of people who say they do not sin or have stopped sinning since become born again. Verse 8 and 10 tell us that if we believe this we are:

1. Deceived
2. A Liar
3. The truth is not in us
4. We make Jesus Christ out to be a liar
5. The Word of God is not in them

V9. The real Good News is that if we CONFESS our sins multiple), He (God) is FAITHFUL and JUST to FROGIVE us our sins and PURIFY us \ (Clean us) from all unrighteousness.

What an amazing promise. This is a daily experience, we need to come to before God and repent (confess and turn away) from our sins so that we can be in the Light.

V7. When we walk in the light (daily), we can have fellowship with God. And the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST cleanse us from ALL Sin.

Other Light Scriptures:

1. Matthew 5:14-16 - We are the Light of the World.
2. John 1:1-13 - Jesus is the Light
3. John 8:12 - I am (Jesus), the Light of the world
4. Psalm 27:1 - The Lord is my Light ad my salvation
5. 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11 – We are the sons of the Light
6. Psalm 119:105 - Your WORD is a lamp unto my feet and LIGHT unto my path.
7. Isaiah 60:1-3 - Arise shine for Your Light has come.
8. Revelation 21:23 - God is the light in Heaven, we will not need the sun or moon for light.