

The Christian's Foundation: Love and Truth

Lesson 2: God is Light – Walking in Light –

1 John 1:5 – 10

INTRODUCTION:

In our study of the first four verses of 1 John 1, we saw the first truth of the epistle of 1 John: The Word of Life, whom we know as the Lord Jesus Christ. Now we will study the second truth taught in 1 John: Walking in the Light. What is this light? The light is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. The _____ Truth – God is _____ : Verse 5.

Verse 5: "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."

- A. Declared by _____ : *Psalm 27:1***
- B. Declared by the _____ : *Isaiah 9:2***
- C. Declared by the _____ : *John 1:1, 4***
- D. Declared by the _____ about _____ : *John 8:12; John 12:46; 1 Thessalonians 5:5; 1 Peter 2:9***

II. Walking in _____ equals _____ : Verses 6, 8, and 10.

Verses 6, 8, and 10: "(6) If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:...(8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...(10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- A. We cannot be in _____ with God and in _____ - Verse 6: *Psalm 66:18; Ephesians 5:11***

B. We are a _____ if we claim we do not sin or have a _____ - Verse 8 and 10: 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 21; Hebrews 7:22, 24 – 26; Romans 5:12; Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23

**III. Walking in _____ equals _____ :
Verses 7 and 9.**

Verses 7, 9 “(7) 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...(9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

A. We are in _____ , if we _____ in the light - Verse 7.

B. Confession of _____ is the way to _____ in that light - Verse 9: Romans 6:12 – 16.

CONCLUSION and APPLICATIONS:

- The second truth in the epistle of 1 John is that God is light.
- One must have accepted Christ as Saviour to have a relationship with God.
- In order for one to have fellowship with God, one must first have that relationship of being a child of God.
- If a Christian's is walking in darkness (sin), then that Christian cannot have fellowship with God.
- If a Christian's is walking in light, then that Christian can have a wonderful fellowship with God.
- The way to restore fellowship with God is confession of sin in the life of the believer.
- Restoration of fellowship with God is a conditional promise of God.
- The believers condition: confession of sin.
- God's condition: forgiveness of sin and fellowship restored.

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D. It was a sanctified (vs. 41; Acts 8:29-35).

III. The Soul Winner’s Triumph (Vs. 42; 4:39-42).

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II. The Most Recently Saved is Able to do this (Vs. 41).

III. The Most Powerful Way is a Personal Testimony (Vs. 45).

It should be informal, informed, and infectious.

IV. The Most Effective Way is to Invite to Come and See (Vs. 46).

V. The Most Assurance we have is that Jesus Knows Them (Vss. 47-48).

VI. The Most Thrilling Moment is When a Person Confesses The Lord (Vs. 49).

Conclusion: Read verses 50 and 51. The most encouraging incentive to bringing someone to Jesus is to know that the Lord has a specific purpose for the person. When we set out to win anyone we never know what the Lord will make of that one.

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