

## Walking In the Light Instead Of Darkness

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Text: 1 John 1:5-7

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- a. God is morally perfect and does not have fellowship with darkness.
- b. John and the other apostles preached the message that “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.” [1 John 1:5]
- c. Light stands for moral purity. Darkness stands for sin, corruption, and spiritual death.

### 1. **The Basis Of fellowship With God and One Another.**[1 John 1:6-7]

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin

- a. The blood of Jesus is the basis of our fellowship on the condition that we continue to “walk in the light.”
- b. The person who claims to be a Christian who habitually walks in darkness is not practicing the truth.[1 John 1:6]-Emphasis is on doing God’s will, not just knowing.
- c. 1 John 1:7 “ if we walk in the light”- walk is a way of life, direction, progression, destiny to arrive at a definite goal.
- d. If the Christian walk is continuous then the fellowship is continuous because the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from all sin.
- e. Walking in the light blesses us with fellowship [companionship]with God and other Christians who have also left the darkness of this world to follow Jesus.

## 2. Walking In the Light Helps Others Turn To Christ.

- a. Acts 26:18-Salvation in Christ is turning from darkness to light. [John 8:12]

Acts 26:18 – to open their eyes, *in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me*

John 8:12 – Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Colossians 1:13-14 - delivered us from the power of darkness {Satan} He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood,<sup>[a]</sup> the forgiveness of sins.

- b. “called out of darkness into His marvelous light” [1 Peter 2:9-10]  
But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;<sup>10</sup> who once *were* not a people but *are now* the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

## 3. The Christians Need to Continue To “Walk In The Light” and “Not In Darkness” [1 John 1:8-10]

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- a. 1 John 1:8-aware of our own weaknesses and need for God’s continual forgiveness through the blood of Jesus.
- b. 1 John 1:9- “if we confess our sins” confess is to say the same thing about sin that God does.

- c. It is not making a list of our sins, but recognizing because our imperfections we are in need of God's grace and continual forgiveness made only possible through Jesus dying on the cross for us. [1 John 1:10]

**Invitation:** What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! [Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 John 2:1-2]

Acts 2:38 – Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 22:16 - And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

1 John 2:1-2: My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.