

“Walking in the Light”

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1 John - Part 2

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“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”

1 John 1:5 (NIV)

Today’s BIG IDEA:

Because God is light, real Christianity is not pretending to be sinless, but walking honestly with a gracious Savior and other believers.

1. A message we must receive: God is light.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)

“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.”

John 3:19-20 (NIV)

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NIV)

2. A deception we must reject: walking in darkness while claiming fellowship.

1st Claim:

“I can know God and walk in darkness.”

“If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.”

1 John 1:6 (NIV)

2nd Claim:

“I don’t really have a sin problem.”

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8 (NIV)

3rd Claim:

“I haven’t really sinned.”

“If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.” 1 John 1:10 (NIV)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

3. A promise we must rely on: walking in the light through confession and Christ.

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7 (NIV)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” 1 John 2:1-2 (NIV)