

How to Walk in the Light, Part 2 (1 John 1:6-10)

Basis for Writing 1 John: Eyewitness experiences

Primary Reason for the Writing of 1 John: Full joy that God intends for us (1:4)

By comprehending the truth from God and letting it govern (perf pass part) our thoughts, responses, & actions, regardless of circumstances.

Two Truths About God (1:5)

⁵ 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.

Truth #1: God is LIGHT

- Light Is TRUTH: Right Thinking – informational; accuracy; know...right
- Light Is HOLINESS: Right Living – morality; purity; do what is right

Truth #2: In God is NO DARKNESS at all [oudemia – not one]

- God knows & understands everything perfectly.
- God is absolutely holy.

God, as LIGHT, knows everything, fully and completely, and He is absolutely holy in all His being, and completely rejects all that is sinful.

How Do I Walk in the Light?

1. It Is Not Based on What I Say or Intend (Words or Intentions)

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

- Talking** “fellowship” but **walking** in ignorance (not knowing what is true) and unholiness (not wanting what is pure) is to be *living a lie!*
 - We do not speak the truth** (“we lie”).
 - We do not practice the truth.** (NOTE: Walking in the light, then, results in doing the truth.)
- Our words are validated or proven false by **what directs our ongoing walk.** (By what **MAP** do I walk?)

2. I Am to Walk by Means of God’s Light (1:7)

⁷ 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**. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

a. Requirement:

- Letting God’s light guide my ongoing moment-by-moment walk by showing us what is true & holy, and walking accordingly.

b. Benefits:

- Benefit #1:** Ongoing **fellowship** with one another!
- Benefit #2:** Ongoing **cleansing** from all **SIN** (no article, singular). **LIGHT** counters our sinfulness (sinful bent) by showing us what is true and holy.
- Walking in the light involves acknowledging our ongoing sinfulness (what the light reveals)

c. Dangers:

⁸ If we say (xs) that **SIN** not we are having (~), ourselves we are deceiving (~) and the truth not is (~) in us.

- We must acknowledge our sinful bent. Without agreeing with this, we will not be dependent upon God’s help to overcome it.

DECEIT:

- Lying to others (1:6)
- False words indicating a failure to recognize the facts (1:8)
- Ongoing self-deception (1:8)

REJECTION OF THE TRUTH:

- Ongoing rejection (& the benefits of it: freedom, understanding) (1:8)

3. I Am to _____ the _____ Thing about My _____ as God Does

⁹ If we confess our **SINS**, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] **SINS** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not **SINNED**, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

If we are confessing (~s) the sins of us, Faithful [he] is (~) and just, In order that he might forgive (xs) the sins And he might cleanse (xs) us from each unrighteousness. If we say (xs) that not we have sinned, A liar we are making (~) him And the word of him not is (~) in us.

a. Requirement:

- Ongoing responsiveness** to God’s light (v. 7) to inform and transform (addresses our _____), and
- Ongoing confessing** of what God’s light reveals [calls sin what God calls it] of what God’s light reveals (addresses our sinful _____)

Verses 1:6-8	Verses 1:9—2:2
...cleanses us from all SIN ...if we say that we have no SIN [no confession required or forgiveness]	...If we confess our SINS ...He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] SINS ...If we say that we have not SINNED ...so that you may not SIN ...if anyone SINS ...He Himself is the propitiation for our SINS

b. Benefits:

- Benefit #1: Forgiveness of the _____ sins (known)
- Benefit #2: Cleansing of each _____ (unknown)

c. Dangers of Not Confessing (1:10):

- Is making God a _____!
- Is rejecting God’s _____ (light ← God’s Word; not feelings, etc.)

2 Cor 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Eph 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, **Titus 2:14** who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.