

SERMON-BASED STUDY: WALK IN THE LIGHT, PART 2

1 John 1:5-2:2, ESV – ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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 his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 How have you fallen for the lie that "I can walk in the light and the darkness"? How can you avoid walking in the darkness?

2 How do people deceive themselves by thinking they are not sinful?

3 How does saying, "I have never sinned" make God a liar?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1, ESV** – ¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." ¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, ¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

4 Looking at the passage above, should Christians withdraw from society to maintain their purity as believers? Can the church seek purity without isolating itself? Why or why not?

5 Our society relies a lot on willpower and positive thinking. How is walking in the light a key to seeking separation from the world? How is it a key to building relationships?

B **Psalm 32:1-5, ESV** – ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

6 According to the passage above, what kind of effect does sin have on our life? How have you seen this in your own life?

7 What does God do when we confess our sin to Him? How does confession lead to reconciliation and reformation?

C **Romans 6:1-4, ESV** – *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

Romans 8:33-34, ESV – ³³ *Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*

8 What are the results of believers being united to Christ in both His death and His resurrection? What does it mean to “walk in newness of life”?

9 How has Jesus interceded on our behalf? How does He continue to intercede on our behalf? What should be our response?

TAKING IT HOME

Walking in light means walking in the ways of God. How are you doing at walking in the ways of God? How are you doing at walking with other believers? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is showing you. Pray for one another as you strive to walk together in the light.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

John 1:4-5, 8:12

Romans 3:25

1 Timothy 1:13-14, 2:1-2

1 John 2:9