
Jesus Is the LIGHT: How to Walk in God's Light

(1 John 1:1-2:2) – Part 1

Overview of 1 John

God in First John:

- God is Life (1:1-2)
- God is Light (1:5)
- God is Love (4:8, 16)

Stated Reasons for the Writing of 1 John:

- To have ongoing fellowship with God and one another (1:3)
- To have full or complete joy (1:4)
- That we might not sin, and to remind us of our Advocate when we do (2:1)
- To affirm eternal life based upon belief in God's Son (5:13)

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...

- ...right thinking (what is true) – informational – accuracy – know what is right
- ...right living (what is holy) – moral – purity – do what is right

Truth #2: In Him is NO DARKNESS at all [οὐδὲμία – not one]

- **God knows & understands everything perfectly.** He has absolutely no wrong knowledge, ignorance, inaccuracy, falsehood, incorrect understanding.
- **God is absolutely holy.** He has absolutely no sin or sinfulness in character, attitude, intention or action, and rejects all that is sinful.

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

Am I Fellowshiping with God, Who Is Light?

1. **By What Means Do I WALK?** (Not measured by 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 (1:7-8)**

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:

- Ongoing walking in the light
- As God is in the light
- *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). The LIGHT counters our sinfulness (our sinful bent) by showing us what is true and holy.
- *Walking in the light involves acknowledging our ongoing sinfulness (what the Bible reveals about us!)*

c. Dangers:

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 of the truth (and the benefits of it – freedom, understanding) (1:8)