

Series "Following After God"
"The Illuminated Life"
1 John 1:5-2:2
Study-2

1 John 1:6

Walking in Fellowship –
Walking in Truth –
Walking in Righteousness –
Walking in Love –
Walking in Assurance –

John Presents 3 Tests:

1. The Moral Test: The Test of righteousness or obedience.
2. The Social Test: The Test of Love.
3. The Doctrinal Test: The Test of the belief in Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:1-2:2 Fellowship (Walking in The Light) The Moral Test: The Test of righteousness or obedience.

Outline:

- 1. Verse 5 – The Message of Light**
- 2. Verses 6-2:2 – The Manner of Life**

1. Verse 5 – The Message of Light:

1 John 1:5

1 John 1:4

God is light; The statement is both positive and negative.

Positive – Light in a Physical sense – "embodies the idea of splendor, glory." Spiritual sense – "truth, morality, holiness, and righteousness; It is that which is true and right."

The Word of Truth (Scriptures) – Psalm 119:105

Isa 8:20

2 Peter 1:19

The Word of Life (Jesus Christ) - 1 John 1:1

2 Cor 4:6

Jesus Is The Standard.

Negative – and in Him there is no darkness at all. Jesus embraces no darkness. It is impossible for Jesus to do anything that is not consistent with His attributes of goodness and His perfection.

Material Darkness: Gen 1:2

Natural Human Darkness: Romans 1:21

Darkness – is the result of sin. Sin constitutes the greatest human problem.

Mental Darkness: Eph 4:17-18

1 Cor 2:14

Supernatural Darkness: Eph 6:12

Eternal Darkness: Jude 13

Spiritual Darkness: 1 John 1:5

2. Verses 6-2:2 – The Manner of Life:

1 John 1:6

“If we say that we have” is used 3X in our passage.

1 John 1:6

1 John 1:8

1 John 1:10

John Confronts 3 Denials of Sin: Sin breaks fellowship

1st Denial: Verses 6-7 – Denial That Sin Breaks Fellowship: If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness,

The Claim: If we say that we have fellowship with Him 1 John 1:3-4

fellowship – “partnership, participation, communion, sharer, associate, companion, partaker”; Sharing thought and interests together.

The Conduct: and yet walk in the darkness; Literally "Habitually day, by day, walking in darkness"

The 1st Act of God in Creation was "Illumination" to Create Light: Gen 1:2-3

The 2nd Act of God was "Division" between Light and The Darkness: Gen 1:4-5

John 3:19-21

2 Cor 2:16

The Condemnation: we lie and do not practice the truth; Note that truth is to be practiced.

1 John 1:7

The Cure: if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light,

The proof of the reality of our fellowship with Jesus is not in our words, but in our walk! Realizing that truth is to be lived not merely learned!

Preventing And Cleansing Sin – and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

A Sinners Cleansing from sin is – Justification

A Believers Cleansing from sin is – Sanctification

The Light is Revealed in the Word of Truth (Bible); Revealed in the Person, The Word of Life which is (Jesus Christ)

2nd Denial: Verses 8-9 – Denial That Sin Exists In Me Now: 8 – If we say that we have no sin,

The Claim: we have no sin,

The Conduct: we are deceiving ourselves; Literally "Leading ourselves astray"

The Condemnation: and the truth is not in us.

Romans 3:10

Romans 3:23

The Cure: 1 John 1:9

1. The Confession of Sins - If we confess our sins,

Confess – “to agree, to say that it is so, to say the same thing” God is right!

1 Tim 2:5

2. The Forgiveness of Sins - He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins

1 Cor 3:14-15

3. The Cleansing of Sins - and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3rd Denial: Verses 10-2:2 – Denial That I Have Ever Sinned: 1 John 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned,

The Claim: If we say that we have not sinned,

Note the progression here: 6 – we lie and do not practice the truth; 8 – we are deceiving ourselves; Note now 10 – we make Him a liar,

The Conduct: we make Him a liar,

The Condemnation: and His word is not in us. Romans 5:6-10

The Cure: 1 John 1:9

1 John 2:1

My little children, “My little born ones”; this term is used 7X in 1 John.

The Presence of Sin in a Believer: And if anyone sins,

The Provision for Sin in a Believer: we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

Advocate – “Helper, Comforter”

Heb 4:15-16

1 John 2:2

Propitiation – “Atonement, the atoning sacrifice”

Application:

1. God is Light – The sum total of truth, holiness and that which is right. In Him there is no darkness; absence of that which is sinful and evil.
2. It is not our words, but our walk that determines our fellowship with Jesus Christ:
3. If we are walking in the light, our lives will expose the darkness: We will be ridding ourselves of darkness and sin, and becoming more fruitful.