

WALKING IN THE LIGHT (1 John 1:5-10)

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TEXT: 1 John 1:5-10

MAIN IDEA—Authentic Christianity consists of walking in the light of God's presence.

MEMORY VERSE—[Heb. 12:14]

GOD IS LIGHT (1 John 1:5)—John describes God's essence by using the metaphor of light. Elsewhere in scripture John describes God as love (**1 John 4:8**), as Spirit (**John 4:24**), but here John first describes God as Light.

John 12:46

DENIAL #1 (1 John 1:6-7)—False teachers claimed to have fellowship with God, like many people do today, but by walking in darkness their lives denied these claims. Therefore, they lied evidenced by failing to practice the truth (**V6**).

*Light is the realm dominated by righteousness, goodness and the knowledge of God!

Darkness is the realm dominated by evil, sinfulness and ignorance of God and His ways. Scripture frequently contrasts these different lifestyles (**Gal. 5:19-24; Rom. 13:12-14**).

DENIAL #2 (1 John 1:8)—The second false teaching John rejects and refutes is the teaching that denies that Christians still sin after truly coming to Christ. These false teachers even went as far as denying the existence of a sin nature in their lives.

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Matt. 19:16-22

What is sin? *Sin—is breaking God’s laws in word, thought, or actions; doing something God forbids or ignoring something God requires.

Rom. 7:19-20; Rom. 6:12-14

DENIAL #3 (1 John 1:10)—This is the most serious lie because it rejects the truth of God’s Word that declares we’re all sinners under God’s judgment in need of forgiveness (Jn.3:36). To reject this truth is to call God a liar.

Rom. 3:10-11; 3:23

Ps. 51:5; Is. 53:6

Rom. 5:12

WALKING IN THE LIGHT (1 John 1:9)—God has provided a practical way for every Christian to walk in the Light and live in close fellowship with God (i.e. confession). Confession of sin is so powerful and important that you absolutely cannot be forgiven or cleansed in the sight of God without it!

Heb. 10:19-23

1 John 1:7