

1 John 1 - Cleansing in the Light

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1 John 1:5-10

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **GOD IS LIGHT**, and **IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL**.

- *nothing hidden*
- *nothing impure*

6 IF WE SAY THAT **WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM, AND WALK IN DARKNESS, WE LIE, AND DO NOT THE TRUTH:**

- *hiding from God, refusing to surrender*
- *unresolved impurity in our lives*

7 **BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.**

- *absolute and unconditional surrender, nothing "hidden"*
- *impurity being confronted and purged*

8 IF WE SAY THAT **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 THAT WE HAVE NOT SINNED, WE MAKE HIM A LIAR, AND HIS WORD IS NOT IN US.

There are various meanings in the New Testament for light and darkness, but the context of vs. 5-10 defines how those two words are being used.

John 3:19-21

19 And this is the condemnation, **THAT LIGHT IS COME INTO THE WORLD, and MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL.**

20 **FOR EVERY ONE THAT DOETH EVIL HATETH THE LIGHT, NEITHER COMETH TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS DEEDS SHOULD BE REPROVED.**

21 **BUT HE THAT DOETH TRUTH COMETH TO THE LIGHT, THAT HIS DEEDS MAY BE MADE MANIFEST, THAT THEY ARE WROUGHT IN GOD.**

If we do not walk in the light:

- *we cannot fellowship with God*
- *we cannot be forgiven and cleansed of sin*

1 John 2:1-2

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. **AND IF ANY MAN SIN, WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS:**

2 And **HE IS THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS:** and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hosea 14:1-6

1 O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

2 **TAKE WITH YOU WORDS, AND TURN TO THE LORD: SAY UNTO HIM, TAKE AWAY ALL INIQUITY, AND RECEIVE US GRACIOUSLY: SO WILL WE RENDER THE CALVES OF OUR LIPS.**

3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

4 **I WILL HEAL THEIR BACKSLIDING, I WILL LOVE THEM FREELY: FOR MINE ANGER IS TURNED AWAY FROM HIM.**

5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.