

WALK IN THE LIGHT ~ 1 John 1:5 - 2:2

→ Scripture Reading 1 John 1: 5-9 HCS

INTRODUCTION

BACK to THE BASICS

- KNOW the Truth
- OBEY the Truth
- PASSIONATE devotion to the Truth

GOD IS LIGHT ~ 1 John 1:4-7

[5] This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. [6] If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by 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, purifies us from all sin.

God IS LIGHT those who walk in darkness are NOT walking with God no matter what they say. ESV Notes

GOD IS JUST ~ 1 John 1:8-10

[8] If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. [9] If WE confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive US our sins and purify US from all unrighteousness. [10] If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His WORD has no place in our lives.

There are two kinds of sin: DOING what we SHOULD NOT do -AND- NOT DOING those things we SHOULD DO. Holman NT

APPLICATION

John 5:24 (NIV) I tell you the truth, whoever hears MY word and BELIEVES Him who sent me **HAS ETERNAL LIFE** and will NOT be **CONDEMNED**; he has crossed over from DEATH to LIFE.

[9] If WE confess OUR sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive US OUR sins and purify US from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION

- does NOT include the word **IF**
- does NOT include the word **WE**
- is ACKNOWLEDGING to God

DON'T MAKE GOD A LIAR ~ 1 John 2:2

[2:1] My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. [2] He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Romans 8:34 (NIV) Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also INTERCEDING for us.

Hebrews 7:25 (NIV) Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to INTERCEDE for them.

The Cross has indeed PROPITIATED (SATISFIED) God and has met His RIGHTEOUS demands so completely that His GRACE and MERCY are abundantly available to both saved and unsaved alike. BKC

APPLICATION

1 John 2:1-2 (HCS) ...But if anyone does sin, we have an ADVOCATE with the Father - Jesus Christ the RIGHTEOUS One. [2] **HE HIMSELF** is the PROPITIATION for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.

TAKE AWAY ??

WALKING IN THE LIGHT REQUIRES

- OPENNESS to the Light - EXPOSED
 - LISTENING** to God through His WORD
 - PURSUING** Him through Prayer and Worship
- RESPONSIVENESS to the Light - OBEY
- STAYING in the Light - CLOSE

Benefits of Walking in the LIGHT

- GROWING closeness and intimacy with Jesus
- On-going CLEANSING of sin

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to WALK in the LIGHT?
2. Why is having FELLOWSHIP with God so important?
3. Why is it so important that Jesus is our Advocate?