

# Walking with God pt. 3

## “Walking in the Light”

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### 1 John 3:1-2 (NKJV)

“Behold (perceive this and understand) what manner (foreign, from another country; different quality) of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God...”

I. Why does the “world” not know the love of God?

- A. The world is walking and living in spiritual darkness, controlled by the power and nature of sin and Satan. So all the behavior, conduct, actions, and words should not surprise us. You and I also with our actions, behavior, lifestyles, the hidden things, & words were just like the world before we accepted Jesus as Lord.

### 1 John 5:19 (NLT)

“We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.”

### 2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)

“Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.”

### Ephesians 2:1-5 (NLT)

“Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. 4 But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)”

- B. We’re no longer enemies of God but His sons, daughters, and His friends.

### Romans 5:6-11 (NLT)

“When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God’s condemnation. 10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son. 11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.”

II. Did Jesus come into the world to condemn it or to save it?

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### **John 3:16-21 (NKJV)**

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

III. Is the Church of Jesus Christ to carry out the same assignment?

- A. We are called to be the light in a world of darkness. We are not to condemn the world but show them Jesus by living the life that He has called us to live and pray and believe for their salvation.

### **Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)**

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.16 In the same way, let your good deeds (this pertains to the spiritual and natural part of my life: work, business, employment, labor, occupation, performance, any undertaking to achieve specified goals) shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

### **1 Peter 2:12 (NLT)**

“Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.”

### **Philippians 2:14-15 (NLT)**

“Do everything without complaining and arguing,15 so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.”

### **Ephesians 5:1-10 (NLT)**

“Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. 2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. 3 Let there be no sexual immorality, (porneia....illicit sexual intercourse, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals etc.) impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NKJV) 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. 6 Don’t be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. 7 Don’t participate in the things these people do. 8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. 10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.”

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NKJV)**

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

**1 John 1:5-7 (NLT)**

“This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. 6 So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. 7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.”