

1. What does it mean that God is light? Why would John use this truth to introduce his conversation about sin?
2. What does it mean to walk in darkness? Why is this incompatible with true Christianity?
3. Why could we expect Christian fellowship to be both a result and a means by which we walk in the light?
4. Should Christians expect our battle with sin to get easier in this life? Will there ever be a time when we have no sins left to confess?
5. Why would John say that God is just to forgive us? Why is forgiveness a justice issue, and not merely a mercy issue, for God?
6. What are common ways that people are inclined to deny that they have sinned? Why would these lead us toward self-deception?
7. What does it mean that Jesus is the propitiation for our sins? Why is this relevant to his work as our advocate?