

Abide – Christian basics from 1 John  
1 John 1:5-2:2 – Abiding in the Light

- ❖ **God is \_\_\_\_\_ . 1:5**
  - The opposite of darkness, John 1:4-5

John uses 3 “if we say” statements to explain the levels of denial of our sin.

- **If we say... We are walking in the light, \_\_\_\_\_, we lie. (1:6)**
  - Saying that we walk with God is not the same as actually doing it.
  
- **But... Walking in the light is \_\_\_\_\_. (1:7)**
  - Christ’s blood does not stop being effective in our lives.
  
- **If we say... We don’t sin, we \_\_\_\_\_. (1:8)**
  - This level communicates a present denial of sin in our life. “We do not have sin in our life right now.”
  
- **But...God \_\_\_\_\_. (1:9)**
  - If we confess, he will forgive.
    - Confession = saying the same thing.
  - Through Christ (v.7) God remains faithful and just.
  
- **If we say... We have not sinned, we make God a \_\_\_\_\_. (1:10)**
  - We are saying God is a liar. (Psalm 14:1-3, 53:1-3, Rom. 3:9-18, 23,24, 5:12)

- **But... We have an \_\_\_\_\_ . (2:1,2)**
  - The goal is that we do not sin! (v.1) John emphasizes his love for these people.
  - -Advocate: One who pleads another's cause, an intercessor.
  - -Propitiation: Appeasing. Christ satisfies God's wrath.
  - Though we are terribly sinful, God does the work. Ephesians 2:4-5

**So, are you walking in the light?**

- Steps to take to make sure we are walking in the light.
  1. Acknowledge that you need God's help and put your faith in Christ.
  2. Daily admit that you are sinful and require God's forgiveness.
  3. Seek to live like Christ and find others with which you can be honest.