

Walking in the Light!

1 John 1:5-7 (NASB95) This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Gnosticism: (from Greek: *gnōstikós*) *gnosis*: having knowledge.

They taught that the spirit of the man was separate from the flesh of a man. Therefore, what we do in the flesh has nothing to do with our spirit.

1 Corinthians 8:1 (NASB95) ...we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know;

Jude 4 (NLT) I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

This idea that I can live however I want and not be accountable for sin because I'm saved, is no new conspiracy.

I. Sins deception

1 John 1:8 (NASB95) If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

What we are saying is, "I have no behavioral problems."

Laodicea Church -- Revelation 3:17 (NASB95) 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

*****Psalm 32:3 (NLT)** When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.

II. You can't grow in the dark!

1 John 1:8 (NASB95) If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. Vs 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that His word has no place in our hearts.

Failure to self-evaluate

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NASB95) Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

Proverbs 28:13 (NASB95) He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.

Prosper: 6743 הָלַךְ, הִלַּךְ [*tsalach, tsaleach /tsaw-lakh/*] to advance, prosper, make progress, succeed, be profitable; to show or experience prosperity, prosper.

1 John 2:9-11 (NLT) If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.

What does love have to do with sinning. Most sins committed are against someone!

Matthew 22:37 (NLT) Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Commentary: it remains true that whenever the principle of sin is denied as an ongoing reality, there follows a denial of responsibility for individual actions. Gossip, defiling of persons, hatred of the brethren, jealousy, and boasting become sanctioned as non-sins; walking in the light is denied; and the fellowship to which we are called is never permitted to exist. Furthermore, when the sin principle is denied, truth as a principle of life cannot exist in us. As a result, in God's name, we make His presence and power an impossibility.

John 12:35-36 (NASB95) ...Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. "While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light."

Hebrews 12:1 (AMP) THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,