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## *Be Light*

Darkness: strained distance from God due to sin.

1 John 1:6,8,10 *"If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth...If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."*

Deceiving ourselves as sinless keeps us in the darkness.

1 John 2:9 *"Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness."*

Hating one another keeps us in the darkness.

1 John 4:6 *"We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error."*

Listening to the errors about Jesus keeps us in the darkness.

Light: intimate closeness with God through purity.

Being light means confessing your sins.

1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

Being light means loving one another.

1 John 2:10 *"Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling."*

Being light means confessing Jesus as God who came in flesh.

1 John 4:2 *"By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God."*