

God in
Himself is the
sum of all
that is ____
and ____
and ____.

1:5

*Why does it matter that
there is no darkness in
God at all, not even a
little?*

Your ____
says far more
about your
relationship
with Jesus
than your ____
ever will.

1:6-7

*Why do you think we tend
to trust what we say about
our faith more than what
our actual choices reveal?*

The only right
response
to our
sin is to admit
____ were wrong
and ____ is right.

1:8-2:2

*Why do you think we try
to avoid admitting our
wrongdoing?*

First John is not for the faint of heart; it's a relentless call to honest self-evaluation. This passage forces us to ask one simple, uncomfortable question: does the pattern of my life actually match the words coming out of my mouth? God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness. Claiming to know Him while persistently choosing to live in the darkness is like claiming to trust a bridge you refuse to walk across. You're simply lying to yourself. Your life will always speak louder than your lip service.

From white lies and gossip to pornography and modern reinterpretations of His truth, we can invent a million different ways to justify our bad behavior. Stop offering cheap excuses or calling God a liar by renaming or reclassifying your sin. The only right response when you blow it is to own it, agree with Him about it, and trust in our faithful God who promises to forgive, cleanse, and full pay for our sin every single time.