

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025 AM  
AUTHENTIC FAITH: Walking and Talking 5  
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FOCAL PASSAGE

**I John 1:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> *This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.* <sup>6</sup> *If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.* <sup>7</sup> *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.* <sup>8</sup> *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.* <sup>9</sup> *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* <sup>10</sup> *If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.*

**I John 2:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.* <sup>2</sup> *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.* <sup>3</sup> *We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.* <sup>4</sup> *Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.* <sup>5</sup> *But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him:* <sup>6</sup> *Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.*

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WE CAN CONFESS OUR SINS, or . . .

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ OUR SINS

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A. BE \_\_\_\_\_

- The secret of victory over sin is found in the phrase “**walking in the light**” **I John 1:7.**
- To walk in the light means to be open and honest, to be sincere.

B. NOTHING \_\_\_\_\_

- “**God Is Light**,” and when we walk in the light, there is nothing we can hide.
- Isn’t it refreshing to meet a Christian who is open and sincere and is not trying to convince us they are something they are not! (Example of Jeff the past few weeks).

## 2. **WHAT IT MEANS TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE LIGHT?**

### A. TO WALK IN THE LIGHT MEANS:

**TO BE \_\_\_\_\_ WITH GOD, WITH OURSELVES AND WITH OTHERS.**

- Remember when we try to COVER our sin --- we lie!
- It means when the light reveals our sins, we immediately confess it to God and apply His forgiveness. It also means if we have offended or injured another person, we ask them for forgiveness, too.
- It means to be **sincere!**

### B. WALKING IN LIGHT MEANS SOMETHING ELSE:

**IT MEANS TO \_\_\_\_\_ GOD’S WORD.**

- To walk in the light means to spend time daily in God’s Word, discovering His will; and then obeying what He has told us.
- **WALKING IN LIGHT MEANS TO \_\_\_\_\_ HIM.**
- Obedience to God’s Word is proof of our love for Him.

**John 14:15**

<sup>15</sup> *If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

- **QUESTION:** Do you really love God today?

**Walking in the light involves honesty, obedience and love . . .**

### C. WALKING IN LIGHT ALSO INVOLVES:

**\_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRIST AND WALKING AS HE WALKED.**

- No one ever becomes a Christian by imitating or following Christ’s example; but after we come into God’s family, we are to look to Jesus as the one great Example of the kind of life we should live.
- How Do we do this? It means “**ABIDING IN CHRIST!**”
- We are to :
  - Walk in the light “**as He is in the light**” (1:7)
  - Purify ourselves “**even as He is pure**” (3:3)

- The unfortunate thing today is that most Christians do not live their lives this way. Maybe on Sundays but most of the week we live like the devil and everyone else.
- It begins with us and how we decide to deal with our sin and if we are going to abide in Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to direct, cleanse, restore our lives.

#### **WHAT CONQUERING OUR SINS CAN \_\_\_\_\_ ...**

- Please understand John was not suggesting we could live sin free.
- He was determined to help us live lives that are not bound up by habitual sin.
- What he was saying is if we will be open, honest and sincere and be willing to genuinely repent of known sin, we can live a cleansed and pure life for Christ.

#### **LIVE IT OUT**

- > How is sin battling for control of your life?
- > How are you allowing yourself to believe a lie?
- > How are you attempting to convince others you are okay spiritually?
- > How has God indicated to you to deal with sin in your life?
- > Will you take the first step by taking ownership of your own sin?