

Love & Light Slide

Week 2: Living in the Light

Know God

“This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you:
God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.” 1 John 1:5

1. God's Light is warm and inviting, exposing the dangers of the darkness.
2. God's Light is warm and inviting, revealing the thing we are looking for.

Follow God

“So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. 7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.” 1
John 1:6-7

Follow God

1. V6 warns us against false practice, living a lie. “Living in spiritual darkness” is defined in 2:8, 17- following the desires of this world, which are fading away.
2. V7 is the positive application of our main point-
“If God is light, and in him is no darkness at all, then he is the bright pathway to the fulfillment of all our deepest longings.” John Piper

2 Practical Outcomes

1. “We have fellowship with each other”
2. “The blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.”

“Fellowship with each other”- living in the light is the necessary condition for fellowship with God and others.

“The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin” – living in the light is the necessary condition for the cleansing of Jesus’ blood from all sin. Christ came to cover our sins as well as to conquer them!

“Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God.”
Hebrews 9:14

Be Careful

We are given answers for two errors to be avoided:

1. “salvation has nothing to do with how we live after we are saved”
(Vv 6-7)
- 2) “living in the light is a call to perfect sinlessness.” (Vv 8-10)

Let Us Confess

“But our newness consists in this: that the true light is shining in our hearts revealing the dreadfulness of our remaining sin and the abundance of God’s grace. Our great joy is that our sin is forgiven in Christ. And our great grief is that so much of this very sin remains and defiles. The mark of the new creature in Christ is not a rosy self-concept. It is brokenness for remaining sin mingled with a joyful confidence in the super-abounding grace of God in Christ.”

John Piper