

Open It!

What makes it hard for people to admit that they were wrong?

Consider It!

What three exaggerated claims does John expose in this passage and what are the harmful consequences?

- 1:6
- 1:8
- 1:10

What correctives does John propose for each of these incorrect assumptions?

- 1:7
- 1:9
- 2:1

What does this passage teach us about God and Jesus Christ?

Live It!

Come out of the Shadows.

- Listen to "[Come Into the Light](#)" by Taya Elise Gaukrodger
- Agree with God's Word. What deeds of the flesh have drawn you into the shadows? See Mark 3:20-23; Galatians 5:19-21; and Ephesians 4:25-31.
- Confess the ways you are walking in darkness, keeping shameful things secret, hiding the truth from others.

Heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against You by [name each sin]. I have deceived myself and hidden the truth harming both my relationship with You and the people I should love. Thank You for Your forgiveness and cleansing. I renounce these expressions of sin and turn to You for help. Lord, fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I will not carry out the desires of the flesh. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Walk in the light. Share with a trusted friend your need for accountability in these areas. Allow a mature believer to come alongside to question, encourage, and speak truth to you in love.

Unleashing the Love of God

Walking the Talk

1 John 1:5 – 2:2

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Sermon Invitation

Leave the Shadow Talk and Walk in the Light.

The First Call to Leave the Shadows and Walk in the Light

Shadow Talk

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1 John 1:6 (ESV)

Stepping into the Light

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 cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:7 (ESV)

The Second Call to Leave the Shadows and Walk in the Light

Shadow Talk

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8 (ESV)

The Third Call to Leave the Shadows and Walk in the Light

Shadow Talk

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:10 (ESV)

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

Stepping into the Light

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1–2 (ESV)