

**Light in the Darkness**  
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If you ask yourself as a believer, where are you standing? What would you answer?

On the rock, and that Rock is our Lord Jesus Christ.

But if you were to ask, where do you walk? What would you say?

In the light or in the darkness?

We as believers need to learn to walk worthy of our Lord, carrying out a life of holiness. Such a walk occurs as we get close to the Lord.

The Word of God says in **1 John 1:5-10:**

<sup>5</sup>This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice 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 Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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In this passage we are taught that God is light and there is no darkness in Him at all. God is not only the Creator of light. He Himself is light. He inhabits inaccessible light.

**1 Timothy 6:13-16**

<sup>13</sup>I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, <sup>14</sup>that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, <sup>15</sup>which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only <sup>[e]</sup>Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

That light became flesh and came to the world as Jesus Christ, and in Him we see the eternal light of God.

### **John 1:6-13**

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. <sup>7</sup>This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup>That<sup>[b]</sup> was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup>He came to His <sup>[c]</sup>own, and His <sup>[d]</sup>own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the <sup>[e]</sup>right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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God and the darkness are totally opposite.

Anyone who has communion with God cannot walk in darkness because in Him there is no darkness at all.

A life of communion with God is a life that is characterized by obedience to His Word.

The believer cannot say that he has communion with Him and walk in darkness. When we live such a contradiction, as the

Apostle John indicates, we lie and do not practice the truth. We cannot have a confessed communion that is not lived out.

### **Isaiah 29:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the Lord said:

"Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths  
And honor Me with their lips,  
But have removed their hearts far from Me,  
And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,  
Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work  
Among this people,  
A marvelous work and a wonder;  
For the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish,  
And the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hidden."

To live a life of communion with God is to live face to face with God, which is to live each moment and each area of our life with the full awareness that God is there, that there is nothing hidden before Him, and that everything that you do, say, feel, or think should glorify His name.

Our call is to walk in the light, just like He is light.

When you look at your life and your patterns of conduct, can you say that you are living face to face with God?

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If your life is not like that, go before the Lord in repentance, and ask Him to help you identify any area of your life in which you are not living according to His Word and you need to be more surrendered to Him.

\*\*\*It is not difficult to realize that we are sinners. We see that on a daily basis – in our thoughts, in our reactions, in our decisions. Sin is present in our lives, and being aware of this reality and knowing how to face our sin is part of what we need to learn in order to walk in the light.

Sin is everything that takes us away from God's Holiness.

Confess your sin before Him. Give thanks and embrace His forgiveness, and ask Him to sanctify your life, to transform those sinful areas, and to cleanse you from all wickedness so that you can walk in a way that is pleasing to Him.

**1 John 1:8-10** (We go back and re-read this part of the initial passage.)

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Knowing the reality of sin, John leaves us with the hope of having Christ Jesus as our lawyer in front of the Father. Every time we sin, the Lord Jesus goes before the Father as our Defender, presenting His work in our favor.

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Christ Himself was the offering delivered to appease God's wrath regarding our sins.

Christ's work and sacrifice are extended to each person in all the world who deposits their faith in Him. He who knows Jesus and deposits his faith in Him obtains salvation.

The Apostle John teaches us that the way we can know if we have gotten to know Him is if we keep His commandments.'

### **1 John 2:1-6**

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

## The Test of Knowing Him

<sup>3</sup>Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup>He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God [a]is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. <sup>6</sup>He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

### **1 John 2:15-17**

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

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### **John 14:15**

<sup>15</sup>"If you love Me, [a]keep My commandments.

He who obeys Him and does His Will will live with Him forever.

Let us ask ourselves, brothers and sisters:

In which areas have you seen your love for God decreasing?

In which things or ideas of this world have you deposited your love and your loyalty?

When you are more inclined toward the things of the world, it can be seen in the way you talk and think. It can also be seen in the things that you enjoy doing.

Examine your life before God, and ask Him to show you if your heart has been loving this world too much. If it has, cry out to Him so that you will be filled with love for Him because the world and its passions will pass away, but he who does the Will of God will remain forever.

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### **1 John 3:1-3**

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of [a]God! Therefore the world does not know [b]us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

What a great love the Father has given us, that glorious hope that the Lord Jesus will return, and that when He comes, He will make all things new. What we will be will also be shown to us.

We will have a life like Christ's, in which sin will not be present, and let us all say, come soon, Lord Jesus, but while we wait for You, help us to live a life that is pleasing to you and to always walk in the light and not in the darkness. Amen.