***Bible Study Series: 1 John – Living As His Light***

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Last week, John introduces the reality that Christ ushered in the Future/Eternity, creating Fellowship. Fellowship/Koinonia/Partnership with God and with other Christ-followers is the new Reality! Our job is to pick up the agenda of Christ and to advance His agenda, His way!

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7But 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.

8If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

**2** 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. 2He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” 1 John 1:5 – 2:2

**God is Light and being in Partnership with Him demands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.” Vs. 5

**John clarifies this teaching by correcting several FALSE claims existing within the Church:**

* **False Claim #1: I can live in Fellowship with God and still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

“If we claim to have fellowship with him and **yet walk in the darkness**, we lie and do not live out the truth.” Vs. 6

**“To walk in Darkness”** = to be aware of sin in my life but do nothing to change it!

**The question is:** Where do I continue to sin? What do I do to fix it?

**Where to especially look: Look at habits, attitudes, thoughts, routines, finances, priorities, vices**

* **False Claim #2: I am without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” Vs. 8

* **False Claim #3: I have never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

“If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.” Vs. 10

**What is the truth about remaining in fellowship with God while still being a sinning human?**

* **I need to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God my sin when I discover it.**

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Vs. 9

* **I need to repent from my sin and walk in the Light**

I must remind myself that my role as a Christ-follower is to advance His agenda, His way!

**What is God’s Plan?**

“He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, ***and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.***” 1 John 2:2

How will people come to believe in Him? That happens when WE partner with GOD!

**Conclusion:** Let’s review our lives so we can stay pure in Him & fulfill His plan for us!

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