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Last week, we began looking at the Lord Jesus Christ as “*The Light of the World*.” This evening, we will go to 1 Jn. 1:5-7 and see Him described as “God is Light,” a similar, yet different perspective of the Lord. The descriptive term is an expression of God, His being, and His character, and the contrast to darkness. Since God is light, His essence should be reflected by the lifestyle of His children.



**God is light**



Let's begin by looking at "The Focus of Faith."

## I. THE FOCUS OF FAITH, 1:5

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A. The Proclamation – v. 5a "This is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you..."

- ❖ The Apostle John is proclaiming "the message" which he heard from the Lord Jesus.
- ❖ He is doing what the Apostle Paul encouraged Timothy to do:

2 Tim. 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And **the things that thou hast heard** of me among many witnesses, **the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**

- ❖ Being a faithful witness is designed to be perpetual.
- ❖ The process is threefold: 1. Paul to Timothy; 2. Timothy to faithful men; 3. Faithful men “...to teach others also.”
- ❖ The focus of the message is that God is light and has an effect upon mankind.

B. The Premise – v. 5b “...that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**”

❖ The first recorded spoken word in creation was God saying “Let there be light:”

Gen. 1:3 And **God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**

❖ God revealed Himself to all the heavenly host in the first day, but didn't create the sun until the fourth day.

❖ God's light, in the beginning, was a separating force from darkness:

Gen. 1: 4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and **God divided the light from the darkness.**

❖ The Lord Jesus' arrival to the world produced similar results:

Jn. 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that **light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

20 For **every one that doeth evil hateth the light**, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

21 But **he that doeth truth cometh to the light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

❖ Light is connected to the Gospel, and is involved in spiritual warfare:

2 Cor. 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds** of them which believe not, **lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.**

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For **God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness**, hath shined in our hearts, **to give the light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.



## II. THE FALSEHOOD OF FELLOWSHIP, 1:6

A. The Declaration – v. 6a “If we say that we have fellowship with him...”

❖ The “talk” of reprobates may include a profession of fellowship with Christ, and having no sin:

1 Jn. 1:6 **If we say** that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

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

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

❖ Talk is cheap; actions speak louder than words.



**DON'T TALK, JUST ACT.**

**DON'T SAY, JUST SHOW.**

**DON'T PROMISE, JUST PROVE.**

B. The Deceitfulness – v. 6b “...and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:”

- ❖ A profession of fellowship with Christ is not compatible if the “walk” includes darkness.

2 Cor. 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and **what communion hath light with darkness?**

- ❖ A genuine believer not only “talks the talk,” but also “walks the walk.”

❖ Three churches are encouraged to “walk worthy” in honoring the Lord.

Eph. 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Col. 1:10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Th. 2:12 That ye **would walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

❖ Believers are to order their steps as “children of light:”

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are* ye light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:**

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11 And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.**

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things that are reproved are **made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.**



### III. THE FRUIT OF FAITHFULNESS, 1:7

- ❖ Just as there is a contrast between light and darkness, so should there be between believers and reprobates.
  - A. The Evidence of Relationship – v. 7a – “But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light...**”
- ❖ The standard lifestyle for a believer is to “...walk in the light, as he is in the light...”
- ❖ A believer’s walk is to be a reflection of how the Lord Jesus walked:

1 Jn. 2:6 **He that saith** he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

Heb. 7:26 For such an high priest became us, ***who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,*** and made higher than the heavens;

B. The Expression of Results – v. 7b – “...we have fellowship one with another...”

1 Jn. 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, **that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

C. The Essence of Righteousness – v. 7c – “...and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son **cleanseth us from all sin.**”

- ❖ The only reason believers may have fellowship with the Holy God is because of the atoning blood of Christ. Like the scapegoat, all iniquities, all transgressions, all sins are born by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lev. 16:20 And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him **all the iniquities** of the children of Israel, and **all their transgressions in all their sins**, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:

22 And the goat shall bear upon him **all their iniquities** unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

## Summary

- ❖ God is light. Jesus is the light of the world.  
Believers are to walk as children of light.

Psa. 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 **Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment:**  
who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:



## Conclusion

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:**

Psa. 119:105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.