



First Epistle of John

1 John 1:7,8 - God is Light & Our Fellowship with Him #2

First, what did we learn from verses 5 and 6?

God's *light vs. darkness*?

Can someone be saved and *walk* (present active) *in darkness*?

If so, what are the consequences?

- ***1 John 1:7 - 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.***
 - What does it mean *if we walk* (3rd class condition, present subjunctive) *in the light*?
 - Is this *fellowship* with God and/or with *one another* in the church?
 - How does our *fellowship with one another* relate to verse 6?
 - But what *if we don't walk in the light as He is in the light*, does *the blood of Jesus (Christ) His Son cleanse us from all sin*?
 - Both *is* and *cleanses* are present active indicative – is this important?



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- Hebert – The standard and pattern of the walk is not left to believers to determine but is determined by His nature, "as He Himself is in the light."
 - » *Rom 6:10 - For the death that He died, **He died to sin once for all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.*
 - » *1 John 2:12 – I write to you, little children, **Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.***
 - » *1 Cor 6:11- And such were some of you. **But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.***
- Then why is *cleanses* in the present active tense?
- Is not this sanctification?
 - » *2 Thess 2:13 - But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because **God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,***
 - » *John 12:35 - Then Jesus said to them, “**A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.***
 - » *Eph 5:8 - For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light.***
 - » *1 John 2:6 - **He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.***
 - » *Phil 1:21 – **For to me to live is Christ and ...***



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- Then what did Paul mean when he stated the following?
 - » *1 Cor 11:1 - Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*
 - And how is this process of *sanctification* going in each of us?
- ***1 John 1:8 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.***
 - Why is this verse so very important?
 - Think Paul!!!!
 - » *Rom 6:5,6 - For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*
 - » *Rpm 6:11 - Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
 - *sin* here is singular and is a nature not our past sins, and we are never to forget how He has positioned us!
 - » *2 Cor 5:21 - For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
 - Smith - "The heresy of Perfectionism. Some might not say, with the Antinomians, that they were absolved from the obligation of the moral



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law, but they maintained that they were done with sin, had no more sinful propensities, committed no more sinful acts."

- And who in *verse 8* is *being deceived* here?
- What should we make here about *the truth not being in us*?
 - Darby – ‘We walk thus in the light. The moral rule of our will is God Himself, God known. The thoughts that sway the heart come from Himself and are formed upon the revelation of Himself. The apostle puts these things always in an abstract way: thus, he says, "he cannot sin, because he is born of God;" and that maintains the moral rule of this life; it is its nature; it is the truth, inasmuch as the man is born of God. We cannot have any other measure of it: any other would be false. It does not follow, alas! that we are always consistent; but we are inconsistent if we are not in this state; we are not walking according to the nature that we possess; we are out of our true condition according to that nature.’
- And what about the *pride of life*?
 - » *1 John 2:16 - 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.*
 - » *Gal 6:3 -- For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.*



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» *1 Cor 4:7 - For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?*

– Yet the *truth* is perceived for Who it is!

» *3 John 1:3 - For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.*

