

## Sermon: Walking in the Light

Text: I John 1:5-10 ESV

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**Introduction:** These last six verses in [chapter 1 of I John](#) are packed full of truth and what it means to be, (to use Paul's phrase), "in Christ." John talks about truth in word and deed as a fellowship with God, the Father and Jesus, His Son. "Walking in the Light" is not just about knowledge or correct doctrine, as important as that is, but this walking in the Light is about our relationship with God.

### I. Christian Community Exhibits a Unique \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5).

- A. God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Light and darkness cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Christian Community Exhibits a Unique \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6-7).

- A. There are standards which \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. There are standards which \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Christian Community Exhibits \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 8-10).

- A. Confession \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- B. Confession \_\_\_\_\_ our relationships.
- C. Confession creates a \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Confession is about \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** The whole purpose of our faith community (church) is to be a faithful witness for Jesus who is "the Word of life." But just doing and saying the right things is not really enough, is it? God requires you give Him your heart and love Him. "St. John's 'eternal life' has nothing to do with time, but depends on our relation(ship) to Jesus Christ." - A. Plummer. John tells us that relationship is born from love and born from above ([John 3](#)).

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5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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 his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## Romans 6:1-4 ESV

### Dead to Sin, Alive to God

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.