

Are We Walking in the Light?

Grace Bible Chapel

1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 1:5-7

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CONTEXT: God sets the conditions that identify His own, and the start-up position or foundational position is fellowship. Fellowship with God was lost in the garden sin. It is only restored in Christ. Fellowship with God is an essential and key definer of true Christianity. God also determines the definition of fellowship, and only His definition is acceptable to a right relationship with Him. All the marks of true salvation John presents in this epistle are related to the defining of true fellowship with God. Paul addresses fellowship in terms of peace with God (Rom. 5:1). The derivative of fellowship with God is also joy because to know God and be in His presence is the fullness of joy (Ps. 16:11). To have fellowship with God, we must have a life practice of walking in the light. Therefore, every true Christian will desire the direction of light and shun the direction of darkness. Understanding fellowship with God and its importance is the foundational focus of the next three verses and our study. This fellowship is only possible for those who walk in the light.

Key Words & Phrases

- Light
- Darkness
- truth, lie
- fellowship
- practice
- walk

Outline of 1st John (underlined is the immediate context)

- I. The Reality of the Person of Christ (1:1-4)
- II. The Requirement of Fellowship with Christ (1:5-5:12)
 - A. The Conditions for Fellowship (1:5-2:11)

Introduction:

1. Walking in the Light (1:5-7)

a. The Position of God (1:5)

b. The Practice of Christians (1:6-7)

Closing:
