

# What about Christians and Sin?

## Grace Bible Chapel

1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 1:8 - 1:10

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**CONTEXT:** We are in a letter written for assurance of salvation (1 John 5:13). John will give us the marks of true Christianity. The letter begins with the restoration of fellowship with God that results from salvation by grace through faith. It is the life of a person justified and growing in sanctification (Christ likeness). John uses the analogy of walking in the light because God is Light. This fellowship section continues addressing remaining sin in the life of a Christian. Those who have been truly born again have radically changed lives. They walk in the light or have a living relationship with God. Fellowship and walking in the light are synonymous with true salvation. Perfection, however, in this walk will not be possible until glorification. The Christians attitude and understanding of this is one of humility and dependence upon the continual advocacy of Christ on their behalf. Sin does not dominate the life, but as it occurs, the Christian finds his remedy in coming to Christ in repentant confession. Confession is an integral fellowship restoring aspect of being a Christian.

### 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)
    1. Walking in the light (1:5-7)
    2. Walking by confession (1:8-10)

#### Key Words & Phrases

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

Introduction:

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Spiritual realities:

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○ Comprehension (Vs. 1:8)

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○ Confession (1:9)

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○ Contempt (1:10)

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Closing:

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