

Walking in the Light

Introduction

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:5-10

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.

1. **Light and darkness are powerful symbols in Scripture.**
 - A. **Light represents truth, purity, and fellowship with God, and darkness represents sin, ignorance, and separation.**
2. **To walk in the light is to live daily in harmony with God's truth and character.**
3. **This sermon explores what it means to walk in the light and how we can maintain that walk.**

The Meaning of Walking in the Light

1. **To walk in the light means to live according to God's revealed truth and moral standard. It implies continual fellowship with Him and separation from sin.**

John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. **He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness**, but have the light of life."

Psalms 119:105 Your **word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.**

2. **Just as a traveler needs light to walk safely at night, believers need the light of Christ to walk securely in a dark world.**

The Source of Light

1. God is fully light.

1 John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

2. Jesus is the light of the world – we must abide in His light.

A. We can return to the passage of scripture from our first point:

John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

3. It is God's words that gives us light.

Psalms 119:130 The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

4. Walking in the light begins with knowing God and following His inspired holy word. Without His light, we walk in darkness and confusion.

A. We must let God illuminate our walk – all the time!

The Benefits of Walking in the Light

1. When we walk in the light we gain some very important benefits:
1 John 1:6-7
 - A. To be in the proper fellowship with God – our creator.
 - B. To have fellowship with others.
 - C. To be cleansed from our sins.
 - 1) The cleansing we receive through the blood of Christ gives us purity and allows us to be in the right standing with almighty God.
2. True fellowship in the church is possible only when we all walk in the light together.

The Challenge of Walking in the Light

1. The world around us loves darkness.

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

- A. Walking in the light requires courage, consistency, and humility.
2. There are many temptations:
 - A. Compromise, hypocrisy, and spiritual laziness.

3. But through all the darkness with its temptations, let us be encouraged because:

- A. God has called us to be the best that we can be in His sight, to progress – to walk daily in His truth, repenting of sin, and growing.**

2 Peter 3:18 but **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

How to Walk in the Light Daily

1 Here are some simple, straight forward ways that we can strive to make sure that we are walking in the light daily:

- A. Stay in the Word – be steadfast and constant in this.**

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And **a light to my path**.

Psalms 1:1-2 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; (2) But **his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night**.

- B. Pray continually – let God hear us often.**

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing,

- C. Confess our sin honestly. Ask for forgiveness and be determined to live righteously.**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, **He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.

D. Stay in the proper fellowship with God.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us **consider one another in order to stir up love and good works**, (25) not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

E. Strive to always reflect Christ's light.

Matthew 5:14-16

2. The light we walk in should also shine through us to others.

The Reward of Walking in the Light

1. Those who walk in the light enjoy assurance, peace, and best of all, eternal life with God eternally!

Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That **shines ever brighter unto the perfect day**.

Revelation 21:23-24 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for **the glory of God illuminated it**. The Lamb is its light. (24) And **the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light**, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

2. As we walk in the light, the clearer our path becomes and the brighter our hope shines — and others can see that!

Conclusion

1. To walk in the light is to live in fellowship with God, guided by His word, and cleansed by His Son's blood.
2. Let us leave behind the shadows of sin and walk boldly in the light of Christ 24/7!

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