

Love the Light!1John 1:5-10 (NKJV bolding mine)

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| 5  | This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that <b>God is light</b> and in Him is no <b>darkness</b> at all.                                       |
| 6  | If we <u>say</u> that we have fellowship with Him, <b>and walk in darkness,</b> we lie <b>and</b> do not practice the truth.   |
| 7  | <b>But if we walk in the light</b> as He is in the <b>light,</b> we have fellowship with one another, <b>and</b> the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. |
| 8  | If we <u>say</u> that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, <b>and</b> the truth is not in us.   |
| 9  | If we <u>confess our sins,</u> He is faithful and just to forgive us <i>our</i> sins <b>and</b> to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.                                      |
| 10 | If we <u>say</u> that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, <b>and</b> His word is not in us.  |

2011 Oct, 3 miles, biggest in PA, very steep floor, pathways that have huge drop-offs, Turn lights off, no light, zero light, not one photon. This girl –our guide, known it since little girl, like back of hand – I asked her, what would you do if the lights went out and you were in here. She said, I would sit down and wait for them to come find me’ – In the dark, with all the unusual angles, you lose the sense of up and down – that even happens when the lights were on –BALL. If you were in this cave with no light, you would be doomed. You could never make it out alive.

**Ecc11:7** Truly the light is sweet, And *it is* pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun; *NKJV*

**2Cor 4:6** For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *NKJV*

**Dan 5:11** “There is a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father–your father the king–made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers. *NKJV*

**Ps 38:10** My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me. *NKJV*

**Ps 89:15** Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance. *NKJV*

**Esth 8:15-16 15** So Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. **16** The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honor. *NKJV*

**Prov 15:30** The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, *And* a good report makes the bones healthy. *NKJV*

**Ps 44:3** For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them. *NKJV*

**Num 6:24-26 24** “The LORD bless you and keep you; **25** The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; **26** The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” *NKJV*

**Isa 10:17** So the Light of Israel will be for a fire, And his Holy One for a flame; It will burn and devour His thorns and his briers in one day. *NKJV*

**Matt 5:16** “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. *NKJV*

**Ps 90:8** You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance. *NKJV*

**Eph 5:13** But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. *NKJV*

**Heb 4:13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account. *NKJV*

**John 3:19-21 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. **20** “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **21** “But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” *NKJV*

**Matt 18:15-17 15** “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. **16** “But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘**by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.**’ **17** “And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. *NKJV*

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**Intro:** \*Laurel Caverns\*. John says we don't have to live in the cave with the lights off. Christ has come, and we can dwell in the light of God. He says we can walk boldly in the light confessing our sins and fellowshiping with God because Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin. Love the light!

T: John sums up Jesus' teaching in one phrase.

1. **God is light 5—God is pure light**

- Positively what light means
  - General – invited to think about natural light: warmth, life, pleasant **Ecc 11:7**
  - Knowledge **2 Cor 4:6, Dan 5:11**
  - Joy **Ps 38:10; 89:15; Esther 8:15-16, Prov 15:30**
  - Favor **Ps 44:3, Num 6:24-26**
  - Holiness **Is 10:17, Matt 5:16**
  - Searching light **Ps 90:8, Eph 5:13**
- Negatively what no darkness (not even one) means
  - Perfect pure uncompromising holiness with full unexcused exposure of all your sin **Heb 4:13, Jn 3:19-21**

T: This is John's major premise and everything else follows from it, and what follows is

2. **Walking in the darkness 6 –You can't walk in darkness and fellowship with God**

Before we look at what this means, note

- Who does this? (professing believers –If we say & walk in darkness) [if we, not if they]
- We are claiming to have fellowship with *this* God, and must remember who he is-LIGHT
- What walking in the darkness means **2:8-11** –hates brother, **3:17-18** –neglect; **deceit 8,10**
- **=== (walking in darkness is walking in unholiness)**
- **Result** – we lie & do not do the truth =neither our words or deeds are fellowshiping with God [You can't do both] –NO YOU DO NOT HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

T: What is the alternative to walking in darkness? It is walking in the light

3. **Walking in the light 7 – Walk in the light and fellowship with God as a cleansed person**

- What walking in the light means **2:8-11** –loving your brother **3:17-18; 5:2** (in deed)
- What it **does not mean** –not sinless perfection **7-10**, not universal exposure **Mt 18:15-17**
- **=== (walking in the light is walking in holy love to God and man)**
- **Result** – fellowship with God in God's provision for your cleansing - Christ your savior

Christ dove into the sea of darkness to rescue you. He entered into the blackness of your sin and bore it, and took the full & total wrath of the holy LIGHT, so that justice has been satisfied.

T: Now John is going to address possible mistakes you can make regarding what he just said

4. **Fear and its reactions 8– Don't react wrongly to the light**

- Seeing this Light may lead to (Despair & Deceit) OR Damnable Doctrine [REM: If we say]
- **Despair** leads to lawlessness or futility [I give up trying, I can't attain while I try]
- **Deceit** leads to lawlessness and futility –**IF THEN** leaven of the Pharisees (if you hear...)

T: You can over react to your destruction, or rest on what Christ has provided by believing confession

5. **Confession and Cleansing 9 – Say the same thing as God and he will forgive you**

- If we confess – do you confess your sin? When? [keep short accounts]
- God's promise –God cannot lie, he has satisfied justice, and cleanses not part but all
- If you still feel unclean - you do not believe God – believe it you are clean –the LIGHT says so!
- Pardonable

T: If you come to him this way he will not cast you out, but if you harden your heart

6. **Lost lying liars 10 – It is hopeless and sinful to deny your sin**

- If you are unwilling to acknowledge your sin you are lost; **You** are denying what you know in yourself; **You** are calling God a liar when he says you have sinned against him;
- God says you have not loved him with all your heart, nor your neighbor as yourself.
- **If you deny this then Your** sins are not cleansed – you are hiding in the dark ;
- **So** come into the light, love the light, receive free pardon of all your sin; **Don't** be afraid to come be afraid to stay away!

**Conclusion:** You don't have to stay in the cave with the lights off, wandering around to your certain death. You don't have to be destined to outer darkness forever. The Light of the World has come to give you light, to rescue you from the cave and bring you out into marvelous light. Come to the light. Confess your sins to God. Do not hide or cover them. God has made a perfect way to cleanse your sins so that you may dwell in his full light and not be destroyed. Live in the light. Love the light! Then you will dwell in this city: **Rev 21:23-27**