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Youth E.D.G.E. Sunday School

Back to the Basics: A Study of 1 John - Part II

Walking in the Light

1 John 1:5-10

I. Because you must walk in the light, you must understand God's purity (v. 5).

John makes it clear that this is the very essence of what the message of this book is about - God *is* light!

A. God's purity is certain (v. 5).

In stark contrast to the false teachers who would deny the teachings of the gospel, John makes it clear that he got his information straight from the mouth of the Savior.

B. God's purity is absolute (v. 5).

The contrast between light and darkness is expressed as strongly as possible. Of all the statements of God's essence, none is more comprehensive than light.

II. Because you must walk in the light, you must recognize your danger (v. 6,8,10).

There is immediate and grave danger to those who walk away from God.

A. Beware of the danger of darkness (v. 6).

Genuine salvation is manifested in a radical lifestyle change. No one who claims Christianity and yet constantly walks in sin is truly saved.

B. Beware of the danger of deception (v. 8).

Whenever the denial of sin occurs, the denial of responsibility for actions follows, and whenever sin is denied, truth, as an inner principle of life, ceases to exist.

C. Beware of the danger of damnation (v. 10).

The claim of the heretics was that the reason that God acted in grace and mercy towards us is that He first deceived us, and is now a deceiver. This makes a mockery of the gospel, and is a damnable heresy.

III. Because you must walk in the light, you must embrace the hope that is available (v. 7,9).

Behind the conditional statements that offer grave warnings shine conditional statements that glimmer as beacons of hope to those who would walk in the light.

A. There is hope for fellowship (v. 7).

You cannot have fellowship with other Christians without walking in the light, and there is no real fellowship with God that is not expressed in fellowship with other Christians.

B. There is hope for cleansing and forgiveness (v. 7,9).

God will forgive those who confess by canceling the debt that we owe. He will also cleanse those who confess by removing the defilement of sin and making us like Him!

Because Christ has provided salvation, you must walk in the light!



