



Pray

How does walking in the light inspire you to pray?
Is there action you need to take?

How can this passage impact the way you pray for
yourself and others?

How does this passage move you to thank and praise God?



Walking in the Light | 1 John 1:5-10 Study Guide 2 for sermon 01/10/2021



Introduction

I've enjoyed taking photos over the years since I received my first digital camera. While I'm not a great photographer like my father-in-law or my eldest daughter, I do enjoy taking photos. Photographers will argue over what is the most important aspect of photography. Some may say it is to have a high-end camera or to have the latest lens, but I would argue that the most important aspect is light. When the light changes, you can either darken or sharpen the subject in view.

Light is important not just for taking photos but for our understanding of knowing God. We read that God is light not just here in 1 John but elsewhere in Scripture, too.

The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? – Psalm 27:1



Overview

Context: The word "light" occurs in some form over 275 times in the Bible. It is a popular theme throughout the Scriptures. Light represents what is good, holy, and true, while darkness represents what is evil and false. If we have fellowship with God, then we walk according to the light.

Structure:

- I. God is light (v.5)
- II. Walking in the light = fellowship and forgiveness (v.7,9)
- III. Walking in the darkness = deception and disobedience (v. 6, 8, 10)



Engage

The light of God, the deception of man (1 John 1:5-10)

1. Light is a common theme as we see in verse 5. How does the image of light help you understand who God is?
2. How does the truth that Jesus is the light of the world fuel missions around the world?
3. Sin is described in verse 6. How do we take sin lightly in our own lives? Has our culture come to take sin lightly?
4. Has our culture come to take sin lightly? If so, why? Why is it important to get our idea of sin from what God says rather than from the culture?
5. In verse 7, John talks about walking in the light, what does that phrase mean? What are the benefits of walking in the light?
6. Sin can be deceptive according to verse 8. What is the result when we are deceived by sin?
7. It is important to not only recognize our sin but to repent from our sin. How does God respond to our confession of sin? Why should Christians be marked by continual confession of sin?
8. Let's take a closer look at confession: One author, Bradley Green, defines confession in this way: *"Confession of sin" denotes the acknowledgement of sin to the Lord, whether at the beginning of the Christian life or as an ongoing practice throughout the Christian life.* Confession of sin is central, normal, and necessary to the Christian life. Take a few moments to find verses or passages in the Bible that underscore the importance of confession. Here are a couple of examples: Mark 1:5, James 5:16
9. What is the relationship between belief and action according to John?
10. The last verse of the first chapter in 1 John is an interesting one. John writes, *"If we say, we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."* Those who live in a rebellious reality and deny the certainty of sin, make God a liar. Of course, God is not lying but they are asserting that God lies by their actions. Why do you think people ignore their own sin?