

FIRST JOHN 1:5-10

This next section of John’s letter is among my favorite passages in all the Bible. It contains some truths that we’d be wise not to overlook.



CHAPTER 1:15-4

⁵ This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 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, His Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.

Who had they heard from and what is it that they had heard?

What do you think John means when he says **“God is light?”**

John elaborates here on the concept of **“fellowship”** tying it directly to our **“walk.”** What does that mean?

What is the benefit of **“walking in the light?”**

To **“walk in the light”** is to live in relationship with God in Christ. Does that mean we will not ever sin? Explain...

Based on what John says here, is there any sin we can’t have forgiven or so many that we would be permanently soiled? What about the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? **(Matthew 12:31)**

How could we ever **“make God out to be a liar?”**

Points to Ponder

We can either walk in the light or in the darkness. Can we possibly ever do both?

Have you ever known anyone that wouldn’t ever admit they were wrong? Could that be akin to not confessing they have sinned?

How does one confess their sins?

What does it mean for God’s word to have no place in our lives?

