



Walking in the Light

“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 John 1:7

What is this Light in which we are to walk? *“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.’ ”* How are we to walk in the Light? *“But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” John 3:21*

So in order to walk in the Light, we must come to Jesus, and let His Light shine in our hearts. By following Him, obeying His word, we are walking in the Light. And this Light will cause us to examine our own hearts, and test ourselves.

“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless indeed you are disqualified.” 2 Corinthians 13:5.

So, let us go to the Word of God, and examine if we are indeed walking in the Light.

- **Do you acknowledge that you are by nature a wicked person with a death penalty over your head?**

There is none righteous, no not one. Romans 3:10

All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Isaiah 64:6

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

The soul that sins it will die. Ezekiel 18:20

For the wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23

He who does not believe is condemned already. John 3:18

- **Do you acknowledge that you have no power within yourself to change your sinful nature and gain favor with God?**

Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil. Jeremiah 13:23

Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. Matthew 23:28

How can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. Matthew 12:34

For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. Titus 3:3

- **Do you believe that God loves you and gave His Son to you as a free gift?**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us. Titus 3:4,5

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many. Hebrews 9:28

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age. Galatians 1:4

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in, trusts, clings to, and relies on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

- **Have you repented of and confessed all of your sins?**

The goodness of God leads you to repentance. Romans 2:4

The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. John 6:37

Repent therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, Acts 3:19

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

- **Have you been born again?**

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. John 3:3

Strip yourselves of your former nature-put off and discard your old unrenewed self-which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; and be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind, having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude; And put on the new nature, the regenerate self, created in God's image, in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:23, 24

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

- **Are you dead to your sinful self and alive to God?**

I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin...Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:6, 11

For me, to live is Christ, His life in me. Philippians 1:21

- **Have you been baptized?** (Baptize means to cover wholly with a fluid, to make fully wet, to dip. Bible baptism is to immerse totally under the water, representing a death and burial to sin and a resurrection to Christ's life.)

Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. John 3:5

Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4

- **Does the Holy Spirit dwell in your heart?**

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

Be filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18

You will know them by their fruits....Every good tree bears good fruit. Matthew 7:16, 17

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22, 23

The Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him. Acts 5:32

And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit who He has given us. 1 John 3:24

Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. Romans 8:9

- **Have you accepted Christ's power to enable you to live according to His will?**

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right and power to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name. John 1:12

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

Christ also suffered to us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps. 1 Peter 2:21

He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. 1 John 2:6

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. Ephesians 3:20

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

- **Have you unreservedly surrendered your will to Christ, trusting Him completely?**

Believe in and on the Lord Jesus Christ, that is, give yourself up to Him, taking yourself out of your own keeping and entrust yourself into His keeping, and you will be saved. Acts 16:31

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight. Proverbs 3:6

Now my will but Yours, be done. Luke 22:42

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7

Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30

- **Do you abide in Christ daily?**

If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23

Abide in Me, and I in you....He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:4,5

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 1 John 2:28

No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him. 1 John 3:6

- **Do you enjoy daily fellowship with God through the study of His Word and prayer?**

Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 4:16

Thy Word have in I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalms 119:11

Accept instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart. Job 22:22

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3. (The only way to get to know someone is to communicate with him.)

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you. Colossians 3:16

- **Are you willing, through Christ's power, to obey all of God's commandments?**

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome. 1 John 5:3

And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, I have come to know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him. 1 John 2:3-5

If you love me, you will keep My commandments. John 14:15

(Note: No good works that we may do, no strict obedience can earn us any saving merit with God. But when we accept Christ into our life, His power will enable us to obey, and this is the proof that we have accepted Him as our Savior.)

- **Does God's love motivate and control you?**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all you mind and with all your strength; you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Mark 12:30,31

Put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other....And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Colossians 3:12-14

Love one another, as I have loved you....By this all will know that you are My disciples. John 13:34,35

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. 1 John 3:14

For the love of Christ controls us. 2 Corinthians 5:14

- **Are you willing to witness boldly for Christ?**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard....Lord, enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Acts 4:20,29

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19,20

Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven. Matthew 10:33

You are my witnesses, declares the Lord. Isaiah 43:10

Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you. Mark 5:19

- **Do you fellowship often with other Christians?**

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

Then those who feared the Lord talked often one to another and the Lord listened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who revered and worshipfully feared the Lord, and who thought on His name. Malachi 3:16

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1

- **Are you growing more like Jesus every day?**

But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:19

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10

But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control, perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 2 Peter 1:5-7

- **Are you walking in the Light?**

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:10, 11

He has now reconciled you..., if you indeed continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel. Colossians 11:22, 23

We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. Hebrews 2:1

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

If you fall short:

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:6,7

The Lord is longsuffering toward us, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

Again, please note: Anything that we do such as being baptized, witnessing, good deeds, etc. does not save us! Salvation is received only by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ. However, our actions prove whether or not our faith is genuine, for "Faith without works is dead." (see James.)

- **The benefits of walking in the Light:**

CURRENT BENEFITS

Forgiveness of sin—*1 John 1:9*
Freedom from the power of sin—*John 8:32-36, Romans 6:14*
Power to overcome sin—*1 Corinthians 10:13, Jude 24, 1 Corinthians 15:57*
Freedom from fear—*2 Timothy 1:7, 1 John 4:18*
Love—*John 15:9, 1 John 3:16*; Joy—*John 15:11, 1 John 1:4*
Peace of mind—*John 14:2, Romans 5:1, Phil. 4:7*
God's power in you—*Phil. 4:13, Ephesians 3:20*
Comfort of God's presence—*Hebrews 13:5, James 4:8*
Security—*Hebrews 6:19*; Acceptance—*John 6:36, Ephesians 1:6*
Assurance of God's personal interest in you—*1 Peter 5:7*
Abundant Life—*John 10:10*; Precious promises—*2 Peter 1:4*
No guilt—*Romans 8:1, Micah 7:19*
Promise of eternal Life—*1 John 2:25, 1 John 5:13*
Fellowship with believers—*1 John 1:3*
Protection from evil—*2 Thessalonians 3:3, Psalm 91*
All our needs met—*Phil 4:19*; Prayers answered—*John 14:14*
Wisdom—*James 1:5*; Contentment—*Phil. 4:11*; Comfort—*2 Corinthians 1:4*
Communion with God—*John 14:21, 23, Jeremiah 33:3*
Child of God—*Ephesians 1:5, John 1:12*

FUTURE BENEFITS

Freedom from the death penalty for sin—*John 8:51*
No more death, pain, sorrow or sin—*Rev. 21:4, 8*
See God face to face. *Matthew 5:5, Rev. 22:4*
Perfect happiness and harmony—*Isaiah 35:10, Isaiah 11:16*
A golden city, beautiful mansions—*Revelation 21:18, 21, John 14:1-3*
Perfect immortal bodies—*Isaiah 35:5, Phil 3:21, 1 Corinthians 15:52*
No more parting from loved ones & friends—*1 Thessalonians 4:17*
Many wonderful surprises—*1 Corinthians 2:9, Psalm 16:1*

Praise God for His wonderful Light, Jesus Christ! ***“That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.” John 1:9***