

Study of I John – Walk in the Light

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did." (I John 1:5-2:6)

Our life has a very real enemy, and that enemy is _____.

If we are saying one thing and doing another, we are walking in _____.

The walk of life begins with a step _____ when we trust Christ as our Savior.

Sin is not simply outward disobedience, it is also _____ rebellion.

"For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world." (I John 2:16)

Always remember that receiving the new nature does not _____ the old nature that we were all born with.

We must all deal with our sin if we are ever to enjoy a life that is _____ and _____.

- 1.) Don't try to _____ our sins.

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If we are walking in the light, the darkness has _____ – no middle ground, no gray area.

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"If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us." (I John 1:10)

A huge factor in living real life is a great word: "_____".

"For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" (II Corinthians 6:14)

"Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person." (I John 2:4)

God warns us – Proverbs 28:13

*"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy."
(Proverbs 28:13)*

Look at I John 2:1-2

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*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."
(Hebrews 4:15-16)*

- 2.) What God asks of us once we are born again – when we do sin, we agree that we have sinned and _____ it.

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."
(Psalm 51:10)*

- 3.) By the Lord's great help we can _____ our sins.

*"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin."
(I John 2:1)*

*We are to walk in the light.
(I John 1:7)*

*"We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person."
(I John 2:3-4)*

We spend time in His Word, discover His will, then _____ what He has told us.

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Walking in the light means we are to _____ to live as Jesus did and does.

*We are to forgive one another even as Christ has forgiven us.
(Ephesians 4:32)*

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5 NKJV)

- A.) We can never lose or change the sin nature that we were _____. (I John 1:8)
- B.) As we are walking in the light and see sin for what it actually is, we will hate it and want to _____.
- C.) And when we do sin and know it – we admit it, we confess it, and _____ His cleansing.

*"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."
(John 10:10 NKJV)*