

Walking in the Light; 1 John 1:5-10

I. The Message

A. God is Light

1. "Heard from him" - seeing that this is the apostle John's letter, then the only one he could be referencing is Jesus
2. "Proclaim to you" - the very things that Jesus taught are what the apostles wrote down for us
3. He guided the Israelites as a pillar of fire by night
4. Isaiah 60:19–20; 19 The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. 20 Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.
5. Isaias 60:19–20; 19 Ya no será el sol tu luz durante el día, ni con su resplandor te alumbrará la luna, porque el Señor será tu luz eterna; tu Dios será tu gloria. 20 Tu sol no volverá a ponerse, ni menguará tu luna; será el Señor tu luz eterna, y llegarán a su fin tus días de duelo.
6. Revelation 21:22–25; 22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.
7. Apocalipsis 21:22–25; 22 No vi ningún templo en la ciudad, porque el Señor Dios Todopoderoso y el Cordero son su templo. 23 La ciudad no necesita ni sol ni luna que la alumbren, porque la gloria de Dios la ilumina, y el Cordero es su lumbrera. 24 Las naciones caminarán a la luz de la ciudad, y los reyes de la tierra le entregarán sus espléndidas riquezas. 25 Sus puertas estarán abiertas todo el día, pues allí no habrá noche.
8. Psalm 119:105; Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
9. Salmos 119:105; Tu palabra es una lámpara a mis pies; es una luz en mi sendero.
10. John 1:4–5; 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
11. Juan 1:4–5; 4 En él estaba la vida, y la vida era la luz de la humanidad. 5 Esta luz resplandece en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no han podido extinguirla.

B. There is no darkness in God, He is Light; Glory

1. No matter how dark it may get, any little bit of light drives the darkness away
2. Exodus 33:18–22; 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." 21 And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.
3. Exodo 33:18–22; 18 —Déjame verte en todo tu esplendor—insistió Moisés. 19 Y el Señor le respondió: —Voy a darte pruebas de mi bondad, y te daré a conocer mi nombre. Y verás que tengo clemencia de quien quiero tenerla, y soy compasivo con quien quiero serlo. 20 Pero debo aclararte que no podrás ver mi rostro, porque nadie puede verme y seguir con vida. 21 »Cerca de mí hay un lugar sobre una roca—añadió el Señor—. Puedes quedarte allí. 22 Cuando yo pase en todo mi esplendor,

te pondré en una hendidura de la roca y te cubriré con mi mano, hasta que haya pasado.

4. Exodus 34:29; When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.
5. Exodus 34:29; Cuando Moisés descendió del monte Sinaí, traía en sus manos las dos tablas de la ley. Pero no sabía que, por haberle hablado el Señor, de su rostro salía un haz de luz.

C. We should be walking in God's light, in His glory

D. Those who have committed themselves to Jesus should be walking in His steps, by His example, in His authority

II. Walking

A. To live in a specified manner; to imitate, conceived of as following after someone by stepping into the marks left by his feet

B. In darkness

1. To walk in darkness is to live in that manner; a settled, practiced lifestyle of sin
2. To live day by day in the opposite manner and example given to us by our creator and His Son
3. Jesus says, "take up your cross;" in other words, die to yourself
4. We cannot walk in both darkness and light, we must choose one or the other
5. We claim Christ as our King, then we must walk in the light!

C. In the light

1. Ephesians 4:1–3; 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
2. Efesios 4:1–3; 1 Por eso yo, que estoy preso por la causa del Señor, les ruego que vivan de una manera digna del llamamiento que han recibido, 2 siempre humildes y amables, pacientes, tolerantes unos con otros en amor. 3 Esfuércense por mantener la unidad del Espíritu mediante el vínculo de la paz.
3. Ephesians 4:17–19; 17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.
4. Efesios 4:17–19; 17 Así que les digo esto y les insisto en el Señor: no vivan más con pensamientos frívolos como los paganos. 18 A causa de la ignorancia que los domina y por la dureza de su corazón, éstos tienen oscurecido el entendimiento y están alejados de la vida que proviene de Dios. 19 Han perdido toda vergüenza, se han entregado a la inmoralidad, y no se sacian de cometer toda clase de actos indecentes.

D. Fellowship - The act of sharing, giving, or receiving a share of something

1. Participation; contribution, partnership
2. This is more than just a casual hello or goodbye as you come in or depart from the worship assembly
3. Business partners share in both gains and losses
4. We are partners, all of us, in the Gospel and with each other
5. We share with each other, both the good things and the bad
6. We bear each other's burdens

7. Romans 12:15; Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
8. Romans 12:15; Alégrense con los que están alegres; lloren con los que lloran.
9. 1 Thessalonians 2:8; So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.
10. 1 Thessalonians 2:8; así nosotros, por el cariño que les tenemos, nos deleitamos en compartir con ustedes no sólo el evangelio de Dios sino también nuestra vida. ¡Tanto llegamos a quererlos!

E. Jesus blood cleanses us

1. Walking in the light means a continual, uninterrupted cleansing
2. A settled, practiced lifestyle of obedience to God; living our lives in service to The King of Kings

III. Confess

A. To speak the same thing; to agree; to acknowledge; to admit

B. To confess is to agree with God that what He says is sin... is sin.

C. Too many people disagree with God about sin, even some who claim Christ

1. Gossip
2. Lying (the "little white lie")
3. Gluttony
4. Homosexuality
5. God says that these are sins, so should we
6. Romans 1:24–32; 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. 28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.
7. Romans 1:24–32; 24 Por eso Dios los entregó a los malos deseos de sus corazones, que conducen a la impureza sexual, de modo que degradaron sus cuerpos los unos con los otros. 25 Cambiaron la verdad de Dios por la mentira, adorando y sirviendo a los seres creados antes que al Creador, quien es bendito por siempre. Amén. 26 Por tanto, Dios los entregó a pasiones vergonzosas. En efecto, las mujeres cambiaron las relaciones naturales por las que van contra la naturaleza. 27 Así mismo los hombres dejaron las relaciones naturales con la mujer y se encendieron en pasiones lujuriosas los unos con los otros. Hombres con hombres cometieron actos indecentes, y en sí mismos recibieron el castigo que merecía su perversión. 28 Además, como estimaron que no valía la pena tomar en cuenta el conocimiento de Dios, él a su vez los entregó a la depravación mental, para que hicieran lo que no debían hacer. 29 Se han llenado de toda clase de maldad,

perversidad, avaricia y depravación. Están repletos de envidia, homicidios, disensiones, engaño y malicia. Son chismosos, 30 calumniadores, enemigos de Dios, insolentes, soberbios y arrogantes; se ingenian maldades; se rebelan contra sus padres; 31 son insensatos, desleales, insensibles, despiadados. 32 Saben bien que, según el justo decreto de Dios, quienes practican tales cosas merecen la muerte; sin embargo, no sólo siguen practicándolas sino que incluso aprueban a quienes las practican.

- D. But this is not as easy as it may seem
 - 1. Phil Robertson has taken a lot of criticism for standing by God's word
 - 2. There is no doubt that you will take a lot of criticism when you stand by God's word
 - 3. Many denominations have caved in to public pressure; they now do not agree with God (say the same thing, confess) that what He says is sin... is sin!
 - E. If we don't agree with God about sin (our sin, whatever it may be) then we stand against God
 - 1. "We make Him a liar"
 - 2. "His word is not in us"
 - F. If we do agree with God, then He is faithful and just, and cleanses our sins
 - G. Cleanse - our English word catharsis comes from this Greek word
 - 1. Elimination of a complex by bringing it to consciousness and affording it expression - Merriam-Webster
 - 2. Discharge of pent-up emotions so as to result in the alleviation of symptoms or the permanent relief of the condition - dictionary.com
 - 3. If we confess (agree with God) our sins God eliminates them; gives us permanent relief of our sinful condition
- IV. Walking in the Light
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