



Series: 1 John

**Lesson: 2. Life, Light, &
Confession**

Passage: 1 John 1:1–10

- **Prologue: Witnessing and Proclaiming the**

(1–4)
 - Starts by describing what John (as an Apostle) is proclaiming about Him
 - Proclaiming those truths should be a natural response to witnessing them!
 - Like John, we ought to derive joy from seeing Christ's body formed.
 - Main point is John's authority to address the issues in the rest of the letter
 - Giving his 'credentials'
 - Solidifying the Gospel
 - A true, Apostolic faith

- **Walking in the _____ (5–7)**

- God is light

- Not as a substance (cf. Deut. 4:11; 5:23)

- Light in the Bible means:

- i. _____ (John 1:1–13)

- ii. _____/_____

- iii. _____ (Isa. 5:20; Rom. 13:12)

Eph. 5:8–9 – for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light⁹(for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

1 Thess. 5:5–6 – for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; ⁶so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

- All three senses come together in God.

- There is no darkness in God.

- ‘Walking in the light’ is a result of life in Christ—so we should be concerned when we see the opposite.

- It’s also the basis for true Christian _____.

- **Confessing _____ (8–10)**
 - Those who pretend they have no sin are either deceiving themselves or ‘making God a liar.’
 - The twofold role of confession of sin in the believer’s life:
 - Initial –
 - Ongoing –
 - We don’t need to fear our remaining sin because God is ‘faithful and righteous.’

What Do We Do with These Truths?

1. Stay true to the faith of the _____.

Eph. 2:19–20 – So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

2. Saying you’re a _____ doesn’t make you one!

3. Don’t forget OR be afraid to _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are the biggest challenges you see to maintaining biblical Christianity? How do you combat them?
2. Are you uncomfortable around certain Christians who 'walk in darkness' or 'say they have no sin'? What do you need to remember?
3. How could confession of sin become unhealthy in a believer's life? How should you protect yourself from that possibility?

Blanks: Word of Life, Light, life, truth/wisdom, righteousness, fellowship, Bible, Christian, confess sin