

# Light & Love

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# A review of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> John...

- Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth... 1John 3:18.
- And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it... **2John 1:6.**
- I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth... **3John 1:4.**

The books remind us to walk in light and love as we remain steadfast in our faith to avoid being led astray by deceivers. They emphasize fellowship with God and others to continuously walk in light and love.

# Walking in light... 1John1:5-10

**5.** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice 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 cleanses us from all sin. 8. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us

## Walking in light... 1John1:5-10

- God is light and our fellowship with Him births light in us.
- This light shines by the practice of Truth in our lives and with others!!
- Jesus is the prerequisite for fellowship with God. The washing by the blood is what births a nature capable of fellowship with God by the forgiveness of sin.

The call to "Walk in Light" is a call for believers to live in a manner that reflects the holiness and truth of God. It is a call to reject sin, embrace righteousness and live in the transformative power of the Holy Spirit by maintaining fellowship with God and the family of faith.

## Walking in love... 1John 3:11-18

11. For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. 13. Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. 14. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 15. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18. Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

## Walking in love... 1John 3:11-18

- God has commanded us to love one another.
- Hate is sign of the nature of death...
- We must show our love for one another by helping our brothers and sisters when they are in need. Our love must be genuine and must be in deeds not words only.

The call to "Walk in love" is an intentional decision that Christians must take with the help of the Holy Spirit. By this, the character of Christ is revealed to share God's love to all who are around us for the glory of God. In it we fulfil the law and affirm that we are true disciples of Jesus,

We do because we are;
Our new identity in Christ enables us to walk in light & love.