



# Light & Love

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... **1John 1:7**

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

- The writer of the epistles of John is not explicitly mentioned in the three biblical books but is referred to as “The Elder”. It is traditionally believed to have been written by Apostle John the disciple whom Jesus loved.
- The three books were written between 85AD and 95AD to mentioned individuals, the Christian community and churches in Asia minor to warn against false teachers and urge steadfastness in the truth of the Gospel whiles providing assurance of salvation and encouraging fellowship with God and others.
- The books remind us to walk in light and love as we remain steadfast in our faith to avoid being led astray by deceivers.

# Review of 1<sup>st</sup> John...

	Walking with the God of Light		Responding to the love of God			
	Living in the light	Staying in the light	Practicing the Love of God	Testing spirits	Loving others	Believing in Jesus
	Chapter 1:5-2:11	Chapter 2:12-27	Chapter 2:28-3:23	Chapter 3:24-4:6	Chapter 4:7-21	Chapter 5
Result	Holy life	Discernment	A life of Love			Confidence
emphasis	Light	Truth	Love			Knowledge
means	Obedience	perception	Sacrifice			Believing
Purpose	For fellowship & joy (1:3-4), No to sin (2:1), No deception (2:26), Eternal life (5:13)					
Theme	Living in fellowship with God who is light and love.					
Key verse	Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (3:18)					
Christ	Our advocate (2:1), the Holy one (2:20), Son of God (3:8) and savior of the world (4:14)					

# Review of 2<sup>nd</sup> John...

- The book is addressed specifically to “the elect lady and her children” (2 John 1:1) but also to a local church and its members in a broader sense.
- The Elder emphasizes truth, love, obedience to God’s commandments and warns against false teachers who deny Christ’s incarnation.
- We are encouraged to walk in love and truth, remaining steadfast in their faith to avoid being led astray by deceivers.

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**

# Review of 3<sup>rd</sup> John...

- The book is addressed to Gaius a leader of the church, commending him for his faithfulness and hospitality to traveling missionaries.
- It further condemns Diotrephes, who rejects apostolic authority and refuses to welcome the brothers. Creating a contrast to the praise showered on Gaius.
- In this book we are encouraged to walk in truth and faithfully submit to the authority of God and the church, and be hospitable.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth... **3John 1:4**

# 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.

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. **Ephesians 5:8-11**

## Conclusion...

The call to "Walk in the 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.

## Let us pray...