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## Walking in the Light as He is in the Light

Positionally the believer is in Christ, saved from the Lords day of wrath (Eph 4:30). The believer who has been made alive in Christ cannot lose that which was done for him (Jn 10:28). We did nothing to be saved; we cannot do anything to get unsaved.

At the point of faith alone in Christ alone God not only enters the individual into union with Christ, but delivers that new believer into the only environment that will count for the believer in time and eternity.

In this pristine wonder environment;

1. The believer enjoys harmonious rapport with the Father in Heaven and The Son (1 John 1:3).
2. In this environment the believer is said to be filled with the Holy Spirit
  - a. Under His leading ministry
  - b. Under His mentorship where we are able to receive revelation through God's word. (Jn 14:26)
  - c. Under His conforming power (Romans 12:2; Eph 2:2;3:16; )
3. We are malleable to the will, plan and purpose of God for our lives

4. We have true Christian fellowship with one another (1 John 1:7)
5. There is Divine production (good works – gold silver and precious stones) that is produced in the life of the believer. (Jn 15:5; Eph 2:10; Titus 2:14; 2 Cor 5:10)
6. In this environment the believer's prayers are heard by God in the throne room of Grace (Ps 66:18)
7. There is Blessing by association in ones marriage, family, community, state, nation as Salt and light (Mat5:13; 5:14-16)
8. The one who resides in the light Stands as a witness for Christ (1 Tim 6:12; Heb 11:5;12:1)
9. Functions as an ambassador representing the King to a lost and dyeing world (2 Cor 5:20)
10. Develops a personal sense of destiny (Phil 3:12)
11. Maintains a tranquility of soul even in the face of adversity (Phil 4:7; Gal 5:22; James 1:2; 1 Pet 4:13; Jud 24)
12. The believer is groomed into the image of Christ. (Romans 8:29; Phil 3:21)
13. The believer is trained for great responsibility for the eternal kingdom (Mat 6:33; 2 Jn 1:8; Rev 2:26)
14. The believer fights the good fight of faith (1 Cor 9:25; Eph 6;1 Tim 6:12; 2 Tim 4:7).
15. The believer making good decisions inside this environment opens the way to greater opportunities to serve the Lord in time and eternity. (Matthew 25:14-30)

Position in Christ is arrived at by one decision and that is faith alone in Christ alone; trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal life (2 Cor 5:17; Eph 2:5;8)

Living and walking in the light or the blameless life is a day to day and even moment by moment decision making process. It is a walk of obedience doing all that is required by the Lord, following all His commandments, being malleable to His will, plan and purpose for our lives. It is a life of dependence upon a power greater than ourselves to fulfill all that God would have for us to do while residing in the body.

At the point of personal sin, however, the believer sets all that aside and steps out into the darkness.

## Like Mother; Like her Children

The woman in the garden looked at the tree and considered all that the serpent had communicated to her.

**When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate;**

Genesis 3:6

From the start, Satan demonstrates to mankind the play by which would lure countless number of members of the human race (all believers sin) into the darkness of carnality beginning with the first woman of the human race.

This play in the game book of Satan sets the precedence for sin throughout all of human history. It is where Satan had his greatest play and it is this play that the evil one continues time and time again to go back to.

It is a play that Satan used successfully with the Woman.

It is a play that Satan was not so successful with in the wilderness with the God man (Matthew chapter 4).

And it is one that he is successful with when luring the Christian from the light into the darkness of carnality.

**For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts but the one who does the will of God lives forever.**

1 John 2:16

When the man and woman sinned the Lord expelled them from the only environment that they had ever known. They looked back and saw the garrison of angels posted at the entrance of the garden and the flaming sword that protected their way back into the

garden. In there was the tree of life which God had cut them off from them.

It would not be the tree of life where they would find their restoration but it would be the tree that they would have to look ahead to where the savior would die for their sins.

Our environment that we are to walk in is not physical as was Adam and Eve's, but it is real nevertheless. And unlike the environment that Adam and Eve were cut off from, ours is an environment that is not cut off from us after finding ourselves in darkness because of sin. It is Christ's work upon the cross that keeps the gate open to us when we repent to reenter into the light.

If the believer is to realize and fulfill all that God has for him or her in this lifetime, it is imperative that the believer understands the protocol to follow that restores the believer to that wonderful abode where there is fellowship once again with the Father God, the Son and Holy Spirit.

If the believer at any stage of his journey through this life thinks that he is impervious to stumbling, may indeed already be walking in darkness.

**“the truth is not in him”**

**Warning:** the believer can fool himself into thinking that he is in the light as he is accomplishing much by way of energy of the flesh and living a moral life and yet be out of fellowship with the Father, walking in darkness.

**Point of Doctrine:**

1. Deeds of righteousness performed in the darkness are classified as human good and executed by the energy of the flesh. (1 Cor 3:12-13)
2. Deeds of righteousness performed in the darkness is classified as wood, hay and stubble at the judgment seat of Christ, which will be burned up by fire (1 Cor 3:15).
3. No amount of righteous deeds performed by the believer while walking in darkness can restore the believer to a harmonious rapport with the Lord in the light.

The fact is that at any moment of the day every believer is either walking blamelessly in the light or in the darkness of carnality.

In the light there are options and there is spiritual growth; there is advancement in God’s plan, there is a personal sense of destiny and life counts, and being laid up in heaven are the rewards for the eternal state.

In the darkness, options are closed down; there is the regression of the spiritual life; Previously learned doctrine is forgotten; the heart is hardened; old sinful trends come back; each moment, hour, day, week, month and year in darkness is wasted and void; in carnality the status quo is darkness and that is where the believer will remain unless;

1. The status is realized
2. Repented from
3. Protocol plan of God is followed in regards to spiritual recover from the darkness or;
4. God removes them from this life under sin unto death.

## God’s protocol for Cleansing of the Saint

This lesson will seek to tear down the preconceived idea about God’s forgiveness of sin.

The preconceived notion is this.

“I sin. God is hurt and or angered because of my disobedience. I beg God for forgiveness. And as a result of my sincerity of heart, and God’s mercy I am forgiven.

The focus becomes grace and mercy without regard to God’s righteousness and justice.

So let us look at sin not only as wrong doing, mistake or shortcoming, but as **breaking of the Law**, and where there is the proper function of law and there is lawlessness, justice must be executed and punishment for crimes must be served for justice to prevail.

### Point of Doctrine:

1. God’s forgiveness is not arbitrary or free.

2. God’s mercy is not void of the proper function of God’s perfect justice.

1 John 1: 9 **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Often enough this verse has been used as an evangelizing tool. This is not correct. This is God’s grace provision for the believer **only** in time to recover the blameless walk with the Lord. John is addressing believers only as he includes himself as one.

### “If we”

It is only the prayers of the righteous that are heard in heaven by God(Proverbs 15:29; John 9:31), and when it comes to repentance it is the believer priest that will cite his sins to the propitious Father for forgiveness. This is not an extended privilege to the unbeliever.

### Point of doctrine:

1. Personal sin is not the Crisis facing the unbeliever.
2. Christ died for the sins of the world opening the way to Salvation

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3. The crisis facing the unbeliever is an obedience problem.

John 3:16-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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John 3:36 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**If** –εαν Conditional particle - an option, maybe we will and maybe we won't, it is that which is left up to the volition of the believer priest.

John is saying, "if" and it is his wishful desire that we would. Maybe we will and maybe you will not.

Many Christians stand today on the side of the "If" where they choose to remain walking in the darkness of carnality. The "If" is an open door that leaves the option up to the volition of the believer to walk back into the light by naming their personal sins to God. But how often will the carnal believer simply pass by without noticing the open door that leads back into fellowship with the Lord.

What we do with this conditional clause which follows will be the determining factor if we are going to recover and resume our blameless walk or if we are to languish in the darkness.

How you as a born again believer treat this "If" is whether or not you will resume your status of being qualified for worship, good works, effective prayers, eternal rewards and fulfilling God's purpose for you in this life.

"If"; maybe you will or maybe you will not.

The "If" and that which follows, leaves out every other means by which one seeks to rectify their dysfunctional status. It dismisses the role of guilt or tears of repentance. It dispenses with bargaining with God.

"Lord if you forgive me this one last time I promise..."

What lies on the other side of the "if" eliminates all personal sacrificial means to seek God's forgiveness and approval. God is not impressed with your sincerity; God does not need your tears of repentance or your personal sacrifices. It does away rededication and rebaptism.

What follows the "If" (EAN) is the present active subjunctive of the first person plural of the verb

ὁμολογέω (*homologeō*):

This verb has both a generic and a legal sense,

The general meaning is "to say the same thing." Two people may come to an agreement over a contract or some deal and they will homologeo, they will agree or come to a consensus over a matter; "to say the same thing"; share the same view or come to the same conclusion.

But it is also a legal term used in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC which means to admit or to cite crimes as in a court room case.

Our adversary the Devil is in that court room accusing God's elect of sin. He is pacing back and forth with his evil finger pointing to you as a sinner. Your conscious may bothering you, you may be even

And rather than ignoring, treating as unimportant trying to hide your transgressions, you admit them in this court room bringing them before the great judge who is sitting on the bench.

1 John 2<sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of the whole world*.

Homolegeo means to site as in a legal or court room case; to admit guilt; to say the same thing or to agree in statement; To admit a charge; in a sense laying the charges up on docket to be examined by the judged in that proceedings.

The sins however that is being considered is thrown back at the prosecuting attorney by the High ruling judge as the Judge in this case informs the evil one that each and every sin that the believer is accused of is already been paid for.

**If** maybe we will and maybe we won't an expressed wish by John that we would, **we** church age believers which John includes himself in **keep** (continual action) **Confessing, Admitting or Citing** our sins