

*This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 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, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:5-7 (NIV)*

## **Walk In The Light**

**You live in a dark world.** What do you mean by that? **This world is not how I designed it. This world has been corrupted by sin. There is nothing that you hear or see that has not been damaged by sin that is in the world.** Like what? **You tell me. What darkness do you see in the world?** I see that lust and greed drive the desires of our society. Contentment with what one has is in very short supply. Thankfulness is very scarce. Life is a continual treadmill race to acquire what one doesn't have or take what isn't yours. It's a "me first" world. What is true and honest, right and fair gets little play. Spinning the truth and calling others liars trumps everything else. The real truth really doesn't matter. Winning at all costs has become the goal. Integrity is bought and sold to the highest bidder. Crushing someone else with a different perspective has become a blood sport. Asking forgiveness and turning away from evil is being replaced with the thought that one might try to "do better" next time. The next time of "doing better" never comes. Instead evil is heaped upon evil. Moral failure is held up and admired and bragged about. Even many of your followers have become indistinguishable from those who savor and breathe in this foul odor of moral corruption. Your followers dare stand on a dung heap of immoral justification for their ungodly behavior. Good is now called evil. Evil is now called good. Is this what you had in mind when you said it was a dark world that I live in? **You do see what I mean. It is worse than you describe. It is more alluring and dangerous. It is deceptive beyond your imagination.** What hope do I have at standing against the evil in the world? How can I possibly resist its powerful influence over me?

**There is only one way for you to walk in the light. There is only one way for you to be able to stand against evil. There is only one way to resist the evil influence and allure of the world.** How is that? **I am the way. I am the light. Follow me. I will lead you through the darkness of this world. I will make you able to shine as a bright light for me. Will you live and walk in the light with me?** Yes Lord, I will follow you.

*Lord, you pulled me out of darkness. You led me into the light so that I could receive your forgiveness and cleansing from all my sin. Help me now to live and walk in the light. Help me to live in close fellowship with you as I follow you through life. Amen*

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 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, purifies us from all sin.

NIV

1 John 1:5-7

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

NLT

1 John 1:5-7

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

NRSV

1 John 1:5-7

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

And this is the message [the message of promise] which we have heard from Him and now are reporting to you: God is Light, and there is no darkness in Him at all [no, not in any way]. [So] if we say we are partakers together and enjoy fellowship with Him when we live and move and are walking about in darkness, we are [both] speaking falsely and do not live and practice the Truth [which the Gospel presents]. But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].

AMP

1 John 1:5-7

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

NASB

1 John 1:5-7

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

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. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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.

ESV

1 John 1:5-7

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

NKJV

1 John 1:5-7

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

This, in essence, is the message we heard from Christ and are passing on to you: God is light, pure light; there's not a trace of darkness in him. If we claim that we experience a shared life with him and continue to stumble around in the dark, we're obviously lying through our teeth—we're not living what we claim. But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another, as the sacrificed blood of Jesus, God's Son, purges all our sin.

MSG

1 John 1:5-7

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

This is the message God has given us to pass on to you: that God is Light and in him is no darkness at all. So if we say we are his friends but go on living in spiritual darkness and sin, we are lying. But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from every sin.

TLB

1 John 1:5-7

**Knowing God***God Is Light*

Here is the message we have heard from Christ and now announce to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. So if we say we have fellowship with God, but we continue living in darkness, we are liars and do not follow the truth. But if we live in the light, as God is in the light, we can share fellowship with each other. Then the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin.

NCV

1 John 1:5-7

# God Is Light

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Knowing God** – 1 John 1:5-7

**In Context:** *Read 1 John 1*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 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, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:5-7

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

This is | the message | we have | heard | from him | and | declare | to you: | God is light; | in him | there is | no darkness | at all. | If we | claim to | have fellowship | with him | yet walk | in the darkness, | we lie | and | do not | live by | the truth. | 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, | purifies us | from | all sin. 1 John 1:5-7

---

---

**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, you pulled me out of darkness. You led me into the light so that I could receive your forgiveness and cleansing from all my sin. Help me now to live and walk in the light. Help me to live in close fellowship with you as I follow you though life. Amen

---

---

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What does living and walking in darkness look like?

**Who helped you to hear the good news that you could walk in the light and live in fellowship with God?**

How are you declaring to others the good news of forgiveness of sin and new life in the light with Jesus Christ?

**How did the Lord rescue you from a life of living and walking in the darkness of sin?**

What does living and walking in the light look like?

**How are you closely following Jesus Christ so that He can lead you out of darkness into His light?**

How have you given your life to Jesus Christ so that His blood will cleanse you of all your sins?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Follow Jesus Christ so that He can lead you out of darkness of sin to walk in the light of forgiveness in Him.

---

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that Jesus Christ has cleansed you of all your sins and is helping you to walk in the light with Him.

---

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how Jesus Christ has led you out of darkness into the light with Him.

---

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you turn away from the darkness of sin to walk in the light of your new life in Jesus Christ.*

---

---

---

**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will live and walk in the light as I follow you.*

---

---

---

**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

---

---

---

---

---

**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I leave darkness behind to walk in the light with you today?*

---

---

---