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## **A Choice**

I know that I have made a choice. I know that I will need to keep on reaffirming my choice every day as I continue to follow you. **What choice did you make? What choice will you need to keep on making as you follow me?** I made a choice to leave the darkness of this world. I made a choice to separate myself from evil. I made a commitment to not sit or stand or walk around with the evil darkness of this world. I left behind my old life in the world, as if it were a pile of old, dirty and stinky clothes. I determined that I would never allow myself to be clothed in the evil darkness of the world ever again. I took, have taken and will continue to take an inventory of my life. I will ask myself and I will ask you, "Is there anything that must be removed from my life, if I want to continue to walk in the light with you?" That question will never be unimportant. That question will never be irrelevant. That question will never be out of fashion. I will keep on asking you and myself that question. **Why is that?** The world and all that is in it is a tempting place. My life is constantly being bombarded by the thoughts and opinions and values of the world. I will need to be on guard. I will need to stand firm. I will need to submit my heart and mind and life to you as I continue to resist and reject evil in all its varied forms. **Yes, you will.**

Making a choice to reject evil will never be enough. **Why is that?** As I reject evil it must be replaced with something else. As I reject evil, I will accept you. As I reject evil, I will fully embrace and accept the new life you have and will continue to give me. You will lead me. You will guide me. You will guard and protect me. You will strengthen me and make me able to continue to walk away from darkness into the light with you. The darkness of this world will have no power over me as I continue to live and walk in the light with you. You will help me to hunger for you. You will satisfy my life with your goodness as I live my life with and for you. I have decided. I have fully rejected evil. I have fully accepted you into my heart and mind and life. You are my Savior. You are my Lord. I will follow you all the days of my life. **That is very good.** Yes, it is.

*Lord, I know that this is a dark and sinful world. I will face decisions in which I must continue to reject darkness to keep on walking in the light with you. I know I am not alone. You are with me to help me. You will help me to keep on walking in the light with you. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *Walk In The Light*

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NIV 1 John 1:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Living In The 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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Walk In The 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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Living And Walking In The 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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Walk In The 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

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ESV 1 John 1:5-7

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NKJV 1 John 1:5-7

**Becoming Like Christ** *Walk In The 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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Living In The 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

**Becoming Like Christ** *Live In The 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

# Walk In The Light

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

**Becoming Like Christ** – 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?)***

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

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

Lord, I know that this is a dark and sinful world. I will face decisions in which I must continue to reject darkness to keep on walking in the light with you. I know I am not alone. You are with me to help me. You will help me to keep on walking in the light with you. Amen

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

How did you leave the darkness of your old life when you began to follow Jesus Christ?

How are you making sure you continue to walk away from darkness as you continue to follow Jesus Christ?

**How has the Lord helped you to reject darkness to keep on walking in the light with Him?**

Why will you face many decisions to reject darkness in favor of walking in the light with the Lord?

**What has the Lord brought into your life as you have walked in the light with Him?**

**How has living in close fellowship with believers helped you to continue to walk in the light with the Lord?**

Why can you be absolutely certain that the blood of Christ has cleansed your life of sin?

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

Reject darkness in all its forms so that you will be able to keep on walking in the light with the Lord.

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

Have faith that the Lord will help you to continue to reject darkness to keep on walking in the light with Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you have rejected darkness to walk in the light with the Lord.

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**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you reject darkness so you can walk in the light with the Lord.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will reject darkness so I can walk in the light with you.*

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

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**A Question To Ask God**

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

*Lord, how can I walk in the light with you today?*

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