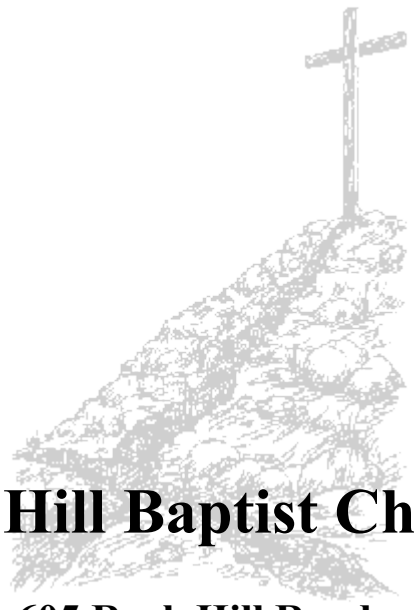


# God Is Light

1 John 1:5-7



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**1. Light Must Come To You  
BEFORE Love Can Come To You!**

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In today's world it is popular to teach that

## "God is love" to the exclusion of all else<sup>1</sup>.

You may not realize it, but we live in an age of *unprecedented spiritual conflict*. We no longer believe in the *devil* or in *demons*, but we have replaced this theology with what we call *mental illness* and *disease*. We no longer believe in *sin*, but now call it *preference* or *convenience*. We no longer believe in *hell*, but instead believe that man creates his own *hell on earth*. A *loving God* would not send anyone to hell - at least, this is the theology that many teach.

Regardless as to what we believe or have come to believe in America today the Bible *very clearly states* that there is a *light*, and there is a *dark*. The Light symbolizes truth, honesty, and purity whereas the Dark symbolizes all that is evil and morally wrong. Listen Beloved: if, as the Bible tells us, **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all**, then there must be a darkness or an evil force who stands in opposition to God. God *is* love .... and pure love, true love, only exists in God, in "light" and not in darkness.

John himself writes that "God is love", but it is significant that he does not introduce the concept "God is love" until **chapter two** where we read:

**(1 John 2:5 KJV) "But whoso keepeth<sup>2</sup> his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know**

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2 *Present Active Subjunctive tereo* {pronounced tay-reh'-o}, to guard, to keep on guarding. It is *also* significant that this is the *first verse* in the book of 1 John where the word "love" is mentioned.

we that we are in him."



Do you find yourself automatically agreeing with your unchurched friends on matters of practical faith? When you watch television, do you agree with the mainstream media that love is an act of physical caress between two people - and that there is no wrong in consummating love prior to marriage? If so, your mind is not in tune with the Jesus of Scripture who taught an absolute truth, a real Devil, and One God our Father.

Even in **1 John 2:5** the concept of **love in God** is not presented apart from Light or the Word of God. *Light must precede love, else love has no value*. Salvation comes to a person when that person *receives the Light*, understanding that we are all *hopelessly lost in sin*. We must understand the truth that **verse 8** presents to us:

**FOCAL** (1 John 1:8 KJV) "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive<sup>3</sup> ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

This is the **first ray of Light and truth that must come to a person before that person can enjoy the Love of God: I Am A Sinner!** In our *self help*, we all need to be *beautiful* world there is great freedom in admitting the truth. I am a sinner, we are all sinners. If we say otherwise we are, like Israel before us, *wanderers from the established path* - that's what the original Greek word for **deceive** means in our

3 *Present Active Indicative planao* {pronounced plan-ah'-o}, led astray into the wrong way, wanderers

above text. Yes, God loves the world - but you cannot be a recipient of His love *until you recognize your state*. Again, as we read:



**FOCAL** (1 John 1:5 KJV) "... God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. "

God *alone* is without **darkness** - all others have the contamination of sin on them. On a *side subject* (you may say I am chasing rabbits - but grant me a hearing for a moment) this is why I believe that Jesus Christ was *fully perfect Man as well as fully God*. Only God can claim to have **no darkness at all**. Listen Beloved: if I need some money, I'm not going to go to a *poor man* to get it. Why go to a poor person to get riches? That's foolish! If I need riches I will go to a *rich person* and make my request. **God is Light** and, if I need **Light** then I will go to **God** and not man! **In Him is no darkness at all**. The Lord offers salvation as *a free gift to all who believe*, but you *must* accept that Gift in order to be saved. A person who does not believe themselves to be a

sinner *will not accept salvation*. You must receive this Light - the knowledge that God alone is pure, and that He alone has the remedy for what afflicts humanity.

We have tried doctors, lawyers, and gurus without end. We have chased psychiatrists, plastic surgeons, education, and moneyed folks. At the end of every struggle, every tunnel we have went down, we discover this truth.

We are all sinners - and without Jesus Christ in our lives we only get worst, not better! Let's look at this further. One of the most famous passages in the Scripture is ...

**(John 3:16 KJV)** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

**Has it ever occurred to you that John 3:16 does not occur until *chapter three*?** The love of God for the world does not come until we have first read these words:

**(John 1:4 KJV)** "In him [Jesus] was life; and the life was the light of men."

Another translation reads a little clearer:

**(John 1:4 NIV)** "In him [Jesus] was life, and that life [Jesus' life] was the light of men."

Jesus Christ is the **Light of the world**<sup>4</sup> as long as He is in the world. He is the Light of God. Again, Light must come *before* Love!

Why did there have to be light before there could be love? If love is merely defined by man's opinion and not by God's light, then where do we draw the line on love and on perversion? If truth is relative, based on consensus, then is there anything that can be classified as a sin?

**is only valid when exercised through the Light of God, which is Jesus Christ. In Him is life, and the life was the light of men.** God is Light - and God is Love - but God is *first* of all Light. We are sinners, but if we come to Him He will save us, elevate us, and empower us to live in this sinful age!

## **2. God Is Without Any Darkness, And His Saved Children Should Live To Please Our Father**

**FOCAL** (1 John 1:6 KJV) "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth .."

The Christian, saved by faith in Christ, enters a *relationship* with God. In this relationship we who realize we are sinners saved by Grace - by His free gift - strive in *His Power* to avoid sin. The person who professes to know Christ as Savior but who **walks in darkness** is guilty of lying to both God as well as oneself.<sup>5</sup>



**Light  
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The message or promise that we received *from Jesus* is what matters - not men's opinions, or a theologian's opinion, but the Word that Christ has given to us. **Love**

4 see John 9:5



**We Love And  
Serve Because  
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He Is In Us!**

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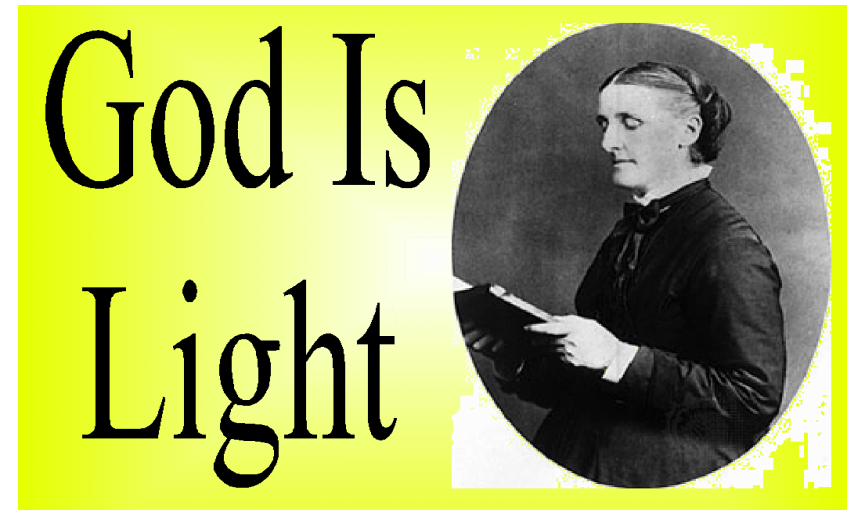
**Romans 13:12-13 (HCSB)<sup>6</sup> "The night is nearly over, and the daylight is near, so let us discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk with decency, as in the daylight: not in carousing and drunkenness; NOT IN SEXUAL IMPURITY AND PROMISCUITY; not in quarreling and jealousy."**

Anytime the *professing* believer falls into **carousing and drunkenness, sexual impurity or promiscuity, quarreling or jealousy** - and, dear friends, I want you to note that **sexual impurity** is listed right beside **quarreling and jealousy** - then God *cannot* be in the relationship. When I am asked *why I do not support homosexual or lesbian love* my answer must be *because God, Who is Light, cannot be in it*. But I must quickly tell you that God is NOT in *heterosexual love outside of marriage*, outside of the commitment between husband and wife that the Bible defined in the Book of Genesis. **Light and darkness cannot exist in the same place, and since God is Light in Him is no darkness at all.** You may try and justify bad behavior in the human expression of love that we call *sex*, but those justifications fall on deaf ears. God cannot be in it.

? What do we mean by "the Christian should take after his or her Father?"

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If the *professing Christian* is a Christian indeed, then the child should "take after" the Father. You *cannot* be in fellowship with God *while you are wallowing in darkness*. Just as the prodigal son of Luke 15 wallowed in the mud while he chased the world, the *professor of religion* who wallows in the world wallows *without God*. God cannot be in sin, for He is *totally apart from darkness*. The Quaker Hannah Whitall Smith wrote:



"Some Christians seem to think that all the requirements of a holy life are met when there is very active and successful Christian work. Because they do so much for the Lord in public, they feel a liberty to be cross and ugly and unChristlike in private. But this is not the sort of Christian life I am depicting. **If we are to walk as Christ walked, it must be in private as well as in public, at home as well as abroad. It must be every hour all day long, and not at stated**

**periods or on certain fixed occasions.** We must be Christlike everywhere and to all. It is in daily living that practical holiness can best show itself, and we may well question any "professions" that fail under this test of daily life. An anxious Christian, a discouraged, gloomy Christian, a doubting Christian, a complaining Christian, an exacting Christian, a selfish Christian, a cruel, hardhearted Christian, a self-indulgent Christian, a Christian with a sharp tongue or bitter spirit, may be a very earnest worker and have an honorable place in the Church. But, he or she is not a Christlike Christian, and knows nothing of the lessons of this book concerning the higher Christian life. **People must see that we walk as Christ walked, if we say that we are abiding in Him. We must prove that we "possess" that which we "profess." We must, in short, be real followers of Christ, not followers in theory only.** This means a great deal. It means that we must completely turn our backs on everything that is contrary to the perfect will of God."

Christianity is a *very practical faith*, for it requires its followers to be like Him Whom we are named for. Our Lord Jesus Christ was *very adamant* that the believer is required to *follow Him* in his or her way of life. The **Pharisees** were sticklers for following the Law, but failed to follow *all* of the Law. They followed the Law without admitting to the Light. And because they walked not with the Light, they had not the Love of God in them. Jesus said:

**(John 5:37-42 KJV) "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have**

neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. {38} And **ye have not his word abiding in you:** for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. {39} Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. {40} And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. {41} I receive not honor from men. {42} But I know you, that **ye have not the love of God in you."**

The Pharisees had *knowledge of the Scripture* but *no light*, for they would not come to Jesus Christ the Source of all Light.

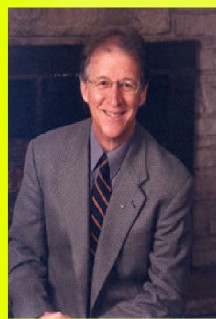
**Where pride is - the inability to bend the knee to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is - there can *never* be Light. Light is only gained when we surrender our lives to the Lordship of Christ...** they were devoid of Light, and because they were devoid of Light they were devoid of Love. You *cannot* have fellowship with God and **walk in darkness** - if the life you are living does not show the Light that is God in it, then one thing is true: you are not in fellowship with God. That word **fellowship** is a Greek word which means **to be in an intimate, personal relationship with another**.

Is it possible to be a Christian indeed and yet *walk in darkness*? Absolutely - you may be saved by faith in Christ and be walking in darkness. **Believers do fall**

away from fellowship in God and *do* sometimes walk in darkness - but the Bible is clear - if you are walking in darkness then while you are in that state of sinfulness you are not in fellowship with God. Darkness and light cannot abide in the same spot!

The Bible has much to say about darkness, that *spiritual* state of being that the *unbeliever is mired in*, and the believer can *return to*. The believer is *saved out of darkness* to...

(Romans 6:4 KJV) "... walk in newness of life."



... a powerless Gospel is not good news. A gospel that only wins lip service is not different than all the other philosophies of the world. Such a gospel produces a Christianity that is a game of words. It encourages lukewarm church-goers that they are safe from God's wrath because of some inherited mental assent to the love of God....

The Christian is saved by God - the Light of the World - to live his life in Light. Pastor John Piper of Desiring God Ministries writes:

"Some people think that the only way to make the Gospel really good news is to deny that changes are necessary in our lives. They say that takes away the possibility of assurance of salvation. They say the way we live after putting our faith in

Christ has nothing to do with our salvation. **I answer that a powerless Gospel is not good news. A gospel that only wins lip service is not different than all the other philosophies of the world. Such a gospel produces a**

**Christianity that is a game of words. It encourages lukewarm church-goers that they are safe from God's wrath because of some inherited mental assent to the love of God.** Such a gospel accounts for how 40 million people can claim to be born again in America at the same time that our moral condition is an all time low of corruption inside and outside the church."<sup>7</sup>

That which saved us - faith in and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ - is that which also gives us victory! We were not saved by faith in Christ to merrily return to the ways of the world. Since we are saved by **Him Who said**<sup>8</sup> ...

**John 8:12 "... "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."**



7 John Piper, Desiring God Ministries, <http://www.desiringgod.org/library/sermons/85/020385.html>  
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then the Savior Who saved us by becoming Lord of our life is also the same Savior Who *empowers us* to walk in Him. But if you expect Jesus to walk with you, Beloved, you *must take out the garbage*. What do I mean by that?

**Illustration** My wife and I live in an area that has no regular garbage pick up service. Right after we moved to West Tennessee we bought three large garbage cans with locking lids. Believe it or not, these three cans are usually full at the end of a week. When they're full I load them in the back of my van and take them to the local dump. Praise the Lord for the local dump! Anyway, I had my son put these cans in the back of my van the night before I planned on taking them to the dump. The next morning I got up, opened the door of the van, and was *immediately* sickened by the smell that came out and hit me in the face! That was awful! I lowered the windows to the van and quickly drove to the dump. Once more, praise the Lord for the dump! Once I was done with this I took the cans back to the house, airing my car out all the way.

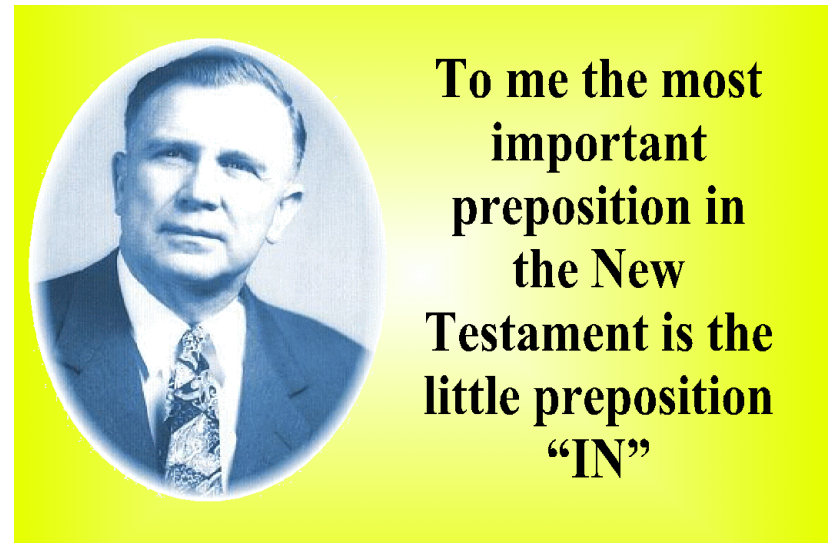
Sin is like that garbage. While the van smelled like it did, it was all I could do to stay in that place! I know for a fact that no one else wanted the presence of my company while those cans were in the car. Beloved, we cannot expect to walk with Jesus while we have garbage in our lives. **We cannot work our way to Heaven - nor do we endorse such a practice - but we must acknowledge, along with Jesus and the testimony of Scripture, that the Christian is called to walk in the Light.** The Bible also tells us that there are those who will come and with *vain or empty words* ...

### **3. The Christian Life Is Not About Me, It's About Being "In Jesus" or "In Light"**

We live in a generation of professing Christians who are often as selfish as the unbeliever is. People often tell me what *they're looking for* in a Church. Let me tell you what *God's looking for in a Church*: He's looking for devoted followers of Jesus. God is looking for a people who will come together to worship Him, **walking in the Light as He is in the Light**. Read our focal text again:

**FOCAL** (1 John 1:6 KJV) "If we say that we have fellowship<sup>9</sup> with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:"

The Christian walk is one that is **in Light**, not **in darkness**. **Dr. J. Vernon McGee** once stated:



9 koinonia {pronounced koy-nohn-ee'-ah}, fellowship, community, shared friendship

"To me the most important preposition in the New Testament is the little preposition IN. Theologians have come up with some "lulus" trying to tell us what it means to be saved. How do you define our salvation? There are words like redemption, atonement, justification, reconciliation, propitiation and the vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice of Christ. All of these words are good; they are wonderful, but each of them merely gives one aspect of our salvation. What does it really mean to be saved? It means to be IN CHRIST!"<sup>10</sup>

Dr. McGee further stated:

"We are joined today to a living Christ. In other words, our sins have already been judged; we are already raised; and we are yonder seated with Christ in the heavenlies (Ephesians 2:5-6). My friend, there are only two places for your sins: either they were on Christ when He died for you over nineteen hundred years ago—because you have trusted Him as your Savior—or they are on you today, and judgment is ahead for you. There is no third place for them."<sup>11</sup>

If you are *in Christ Who is Light* then you are commanded to **walk in the Light as He is in the Light**. The Christian, though *ever imperfect in this life*, is commanded to live as **children of light**. We read:

**Ephesians 5:6-12 (ESV)<sup>12</sup> "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit**

<sup>10</sup> as quoted at <http://brianmoser.net/inchrist2.html>

<sup>11</sup> McGee, J. V. Thru the Bible commentary. Vol. 4, Page 683. Nashville: Thomas Nelson

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**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. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret."**

Many times those who have drifted into darkness will try and deceive the believer with **empty words** that have no source in Scripture. **Many times I have heard modern preachers make statements in order to, in their words, "open a dialog" or "start a conversation"**. Many times these workers of darkness use statements like "I am not a disciple of Paul, but I am a disciple of Christ" in order to slip their false lightless doctrine in among the Children of Light. Do not be deceived! We are told **"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them"**. The Christian must be careful not to fall into the darkness where God is not. You see Beloved, the Christian way of life is *not about me and it's not about you -- it is about living to glorify God through Jesus Who lives in you!*

**The devil - the Prince of Darkness - has agents of darkness in both *liberal* as well as *conservative* camps.** This is very evident from the start of Christ's ministry. We read of how John the Baptist condemned *both* Pharisees as well as Sadducees ..

**Matthew 3:7 (HCSB)<sup>6</sup> "When he saw many of the**

**Pharisees and Sadducees coming to the place of his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"**

He classified both *conservative as well as liberal worker or darkness in the same condemnation* - and well he should! Regardless as to your politics, or as to your beliefs, if they do not continually turn to Christ for Light then they are of no value in God's eyes! Our Lord Jesus Christ condemned both groups when they came to *tempt Him*. Both groups - one politically *and religiously* liberal while the other politically *and religiously* conservative - were against Jesus. Our Lord said:

**Matthew 16:6 (NASB)<sup>13</sup> "... Watch out and beware of the leaven<sup>14</sup> of the Pharisees and Sadducees."**

He spoke these words to **warn us of the doctrines of any group** whether it be liberal or conservative, fundamental or moderate, evangelical or charismatic, **any group that departed from the Light that is God's Word**. Why is it so necessary that the believer walk in Light?

God preserves a nation through the *maximum number of functioning believers* in it. A nation is *not* preserved by the *profession* of Christ ... America has long been known as a *Christian nation*, and yet the morality and values of the average citizen has decayed terribly over the years. The Christian is expected by his Savior to **walk in the light**, in the revealed truths of God's Word, in the Light that James called **the engrafted Word**:

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14 a reference to the false the doctrine of - see Matthew 16:12

James 1:21-22 (NKJV)<sup>15</sup> "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and **receive with meekness the implanted word**, which is able to save your souls. **But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.** "

"**Implanted**" is a Greek word<sup>16</sup> which means "that which is inborn, implanted by nature". When the person accepts Jesus Christ as Savior God the Holy Spirit enters the life of that believer and *that person then becomes changed*, able to receive and understand the Word of God. You are, if you are a Christian, able to **walk in the Light as He [God] is in the Light**. It is not that the Christian is sinless - but the Christian *is enabled, is engrafted, is changed* to a state where he can walk in the Light.

#### **4. If You Do Not Walk In Light, You Will Suffer In Darkness**

**FOCAL** (1 John 1:7 KJV) "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Our text begins with "**But if**". The Christian - saved by the Grace of God, a product of the work of God the Holy Spirit, is the only person who has the ability to *choose* whether he will walk in light or not. The unbeliever is,

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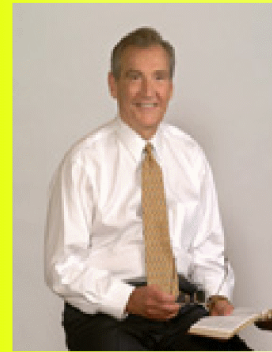
16 *emphutos* {pronounced em'-foo-tos}, implanted, placed inside by external forces

according to the Scripture, the *slave* of sin. When Jesus spoke to the religious leaders that followed Him to persecute Him He said:

**John 8:42-44 (ESV)<sup>8</sup> ".... If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. "**

The unbeliever *cannot* love Christ because the unbeliever *is not* born again. Jesus said that these unbelievers *could not even understand His teachings*. He said **you cannot hear My word**. The person who is unsaved *cannot* hear the words of Christ, *cannot* show true Godly love, *cannot* serve Christ. As Jesus said, those who are yet ensnared in this world system **are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father YE WILL DO**. There is no choice - the unbeliever is locked into depravity of sin.

**Illustrate** Dr. Adrian Rogers said:



**"[Satan's] motive is murder, but his method is the lie. Christians should understand that fact. The devil wants to bring death to you. He wants to murder your purity, he wants to kill your happiness, he wants to destroy your spiritual life... You need to know your enemy. He masquerades as an angel of light, telling lies about God, trying to get people to believe the wrong things and become trapped in his web."**

The **"But if"** of 1 John 1:7 emphasizes that the Christian, saved by faith and born again by God's wonderful Spirit, has a choice as to whether he will walk in the light or not. Do not step in Satan's trap of sin! This is a trap that we are repeatedly warned to avoid - we must **walk in the light** and not **in the darkness**. For instance:

**1 Thessalonians 5:2-6 (HCSB)<sup>6</sup> "For you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. When they say, "Peace and security," then sudden destruction comes on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in the dark, so that this day would overtake you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We're not of the night or of darkness. So then, we must not sleep, like the rest, but we must stay awake and be**

sober. "

The believer is warned that the Lord will return suddenly, **as a thief in the night**. Since He will return suddenly we who love Him are warned to *live like the sons of light and sons of the day* that we are. In other words, new life in Christ *mandates* proper behavior consistent with that new life. In short, children of light are supposed to *act like* children of light. You will find *absolutely no support in Scripture* for the idea that the person who is born again is the same in behavior as the person who is *not* born again. The children of light act like children of light.

Further, a church filled with children of light is a *healthy Church*. We read:

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**Illustrate Fellowship** or *koinonia* is only possible when believers are walking together **in the light**. We *cannot* walk with God *nor* with one another while darkness reigns in our lives. In the **November 7th Daily Bread devotional** I read:

"The well-loved author **Corrie Ten Boom**, in her autobiography, *The Hiding Place*, made a keen observation about the futility of rationalizing our sins. She said, "**The blood of Jesus never cleansed an excuse.**" Although we are fully justified as Christians, we must honestly acknowledge wrongdoing for what it is—sin against a holy God. If we hide

behind excuses, we will neither sense His forgiveness nor gain the victory over evil habits.

A woman said to her pastor, "I'm **deeply troubled about a problem I know is hurting my testimony: I exaggerate.** I always seem to enlarge a story until it's all distorted. People know they can't trust me. Can you help me? The minister said, "Let's talk to the Lord about it." She began to pray, "O God, Thou knowest I have a tendency to exaggerate." At this point the preacher interrupted, "**Call it lying, ma'am, and you may get over it!**" The woman began to weep, because she knew he was right. She had been trying to make "lying" acceptable, and her excuse-making had made praying about it nearly impossible.

All of us are prone to cover up our sins by giving them polite names. Bad temper is said to be "nerves" or "righteous indignation," untruthfulness is labeled "harmless exaggeration," and dishonesty is dignified by calling it "good business." To grow in grace, we must put aside all rationalizing and get to the heart of the problem. The blood of Jesus does not apply to excuses, but it has the power to cleanse any sin."<sup>17</sup>

The Christian way of life is a way that is *entered by faith, lived by faith, and maintained by faith*. As **Fanny Crosby** wrote:

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to His holy Name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,  
In His arms He carries them all day long:

Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Tell of His excellent greatness.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Ever in joyful song!