

What Does it Mean to “Walk in the Light”?

What it does **not** mean: Sinless Perfection

(1:8-10; 2:1-2, Romans 7:14-25, Philippians 3:12-15)

Darkness

- Claim to be without sin
1:8-10
- Deny the divinity and lordship of Christ
2:18-28; 4:1-6; 5:10-12, 21
- Love (be devoted to) this world and the things of this world
2:15-17
- A spirit of disobedience or lawlessness
1:6; 2:4; 3:4-10; 5:2,18
- Hate your brothers (do not love)
2:9,11
- Model: Walk (live) like Cain
3:12-13

Light (“no darkness at all”)

- Acknowledge (confess) your sin
1:9; 2:1; (5:16)
- Acknowledge the divinity and lordship of Christ
2:23-25; 4:1-6; 5:1; 5:5-12, 20-21
- Do not love (be devoted to) this world and the things of this world
2:15-17
- A spirit of obedience to God
2:5-6; 5:3
- Love People sacrificially
2:10; 3:11-24; 4:7; (5:16)
- Model: Walk (live) like Jesus
1:5-7; 2:6; 4:17

Benefits and Blessings of Walking in the Light

- Fellowship with one another (1:3,7)
- The blood of Jesus continually cleanses (purifies) us of all (every) sin (1:7-9; 2:1-2; 3:12)
- No fear; only confidence before God (4:17-18)
- We have the Spirit of God within us (3:24; 4:4,13-15)
- We know God personally and intimately (1:3; 2:13-14; 3:1-3; 5:20)
- We have overcome the world and the evil one (2:13-14; 5:4-5,18)
- God hears and answers all of our prayers (2:1; 5:14-16)
- Eternal life (3:2-3; 5:13)