

Blessed Assurance

Walking in the Light

1 John 1:5-2:2

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Big Idea: God's character gives us confidence in His forgiveness.

A Certain Declaration (v. 5)

- God is light.
 - Light = Moral perfection, absolute holiness, truth.

A Clear Contradiction (vv. 6, 8, 10)

- To claim fellowship with God while walking in darkness.
 - Walk = One's behavior, conduct, lifestyle.

A Confident Confession (vv. 7, 9)

- When we come clean about our sin, Christ will make us clean.
 - Cleanse = To purify, remove the stain, or restore.

A Champion Defender (2:1-2)

- Jesus is undefeated in Heaven's courtroom.
 - Advocate = A defender or helper who comes alongside in a time of need.
 - Atoning sacrifice = Sufficient to fully satisfy the debt.

Key Question: Are you walking in the light or in the night?

Discussion Questions:

1. What does John want you to know in this passage?
2. What are some ways we can minimize or redefine sin when we lose sight of God's absolute holiness?
3. John describes a contradiction between saying we have fellowship with God and walking in darkness. What is the difference between an occasional failure and a lifestyle characterized by darkness?
4. Which of these four truths is most encouraging to you right now: God's holiness, the call to walk in the light, the promise of cleansing, or Christ's advocacy? Why?