## Devotional: In The Light As He Is In The Light

## Christian Women's Devotion on Living In True Fellowship With Jesus

Read: <u>1 John 1:5-10</u> (AMP)

...If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness [of sin], we lie and do not practice the truth.... (v.8 AMP).

God is light! He is Holy, His message is Truthful and He is Perfect in Righteousness. In Him there is no darkness, sin, wickedness or imperfection (v.5). He abides in the light and is the Light itself. He cannot lie and there is no falsehood in Him.

If we are "in Christ Jesus" then we walk with Him in the light. We have true, unbroken fellowship with Him, and we are cleansed from all sin by the blood of Jesus. We are washed clean completely! But if we do happen to have a weak moment and stumble in sin, He has promised us that as we confess it to Him, He is faithful and just, true to His own nature and promises and will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (v.9).

Yet, if someone says they are "in Christ" and have fellowship with Him, but they clearly don't have the lifestyle characterised by faith and are immersed in the deeds of darkness, they lie and do not practice the truth. It's a contradictory! We can't say we love God but live according to the evil desires of our flesh, thinking that there's nothing wrong with it—saying that it's not sin! Someone like this, the Bible says, is 'deluded' and the truth is not in them.

1 John 1:5-8 is clearly talking about someone who says they have fellowship with God, yet they walk in the darkness of their sin—being deluded and living a lie. Such a person does not practice the truth and is not abiding in God's Word. Those who live this way and say they have not sinned, do so because they do not see their sin as sin. They are completely blinded to the truth and have come into agreement with a lie! And this, I believe, happens because they don't read the Bible and meditate on its deeper truths, or they do read it, but fail to understand it, or they interpret it incorrectly. This gives the enemy an invitation to twist God's truth. If we abide in God's Word, we will know what is right and wrong in God's eyes and wouldn't call what is sinful right and acceptable.

We can't say we have not sinned when we are living contrary to God's standards. God is the One who says what sin is and we can't argue with God, no matter what we think about it. We have to accept God's Word on the matter and come into agreement with what God says, not what we think.

The difference between someone who says they're walking in the light and someone who actually is walking in the light is how they respond to sin. The latter will feel remorseful and sorry—grieved at their failure—and quickly confess it to God, giving it over to Him and asking for His help to overcome it. These are the ones who are truly walking in the light as He is in the light. But the former won't even acknowledge the sin as sin, and instead claim that they haven't sinned! There is no remorse or confession before the Lord. These are the ones who are not walking in the light and are not in fellowship with God.

When we walk in the light, anything that is not of God will be exposed by the Light of Truth. We need to welcome that, because as the Light exposes and reveals to us what is not of God, we can be aware of it and seek God's help in "putting it off".

Why not invite His light to shine into your heart and give over to Him anything that He reveals to you. He will help you with this—and, in all honesty, He's the only One who can!

## Prayer:

Lord God, I come before you today, asking you to shine your light of truth deep in the core of my being, exposing and revealing anything that is not of you. Help me, Lord, I pray, to surrender it to you. I invite your healing and wholeness into that area. Please help me, Lord, to walk in the freedom that you purchased for me on the cross. I pray you will help me live transparently before you as the Holy Spirit empowers me and enables me to walk in the light as you are in the light—my thinking and beliefs aligned to the Word of God. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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Additional Scriptures: <u>John 8:12</u> (AMP); <u>John 1:14</u> (AMP); <u>John 12:35-36</u> (AMP); <u>Psalm 84:11</u> (AMP) <u>Romans 13:12</u> (AMP); <u>Ephesians 5:8</u> (AMP); <u>1 John 3:9</u> (AMP); <u>1 John 5:18</u> (AMP); <u>Acts 26:18</u> (AMP) <u>Psalm 139:23-24</u> (AMP)

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