

Walking In the Light

Main Idea: "Walking in the light is fundamentally inseparable from authentic fellowship with God and His Church"

- What is the message?

"Because *God is light* and there is no darkness in Him, you can't have *fellowship* with God and walk in the darkness."

- What does it mean that God is Light?

- What does it mean to have fellowship with God?

- Who's message is this?

- What does it mean to walk in the darkness?

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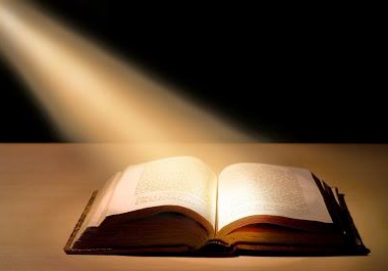
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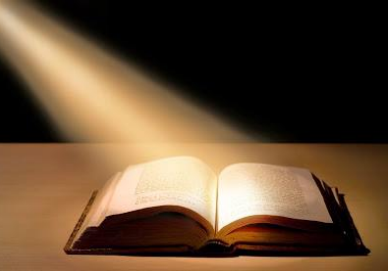
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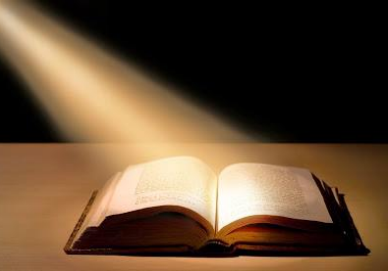
⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.



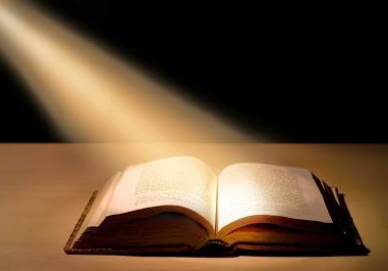
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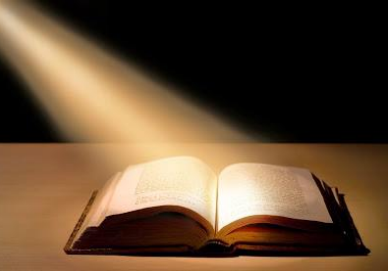
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In fact, if you do have authentic fellowship with God, you will walk in the light.”

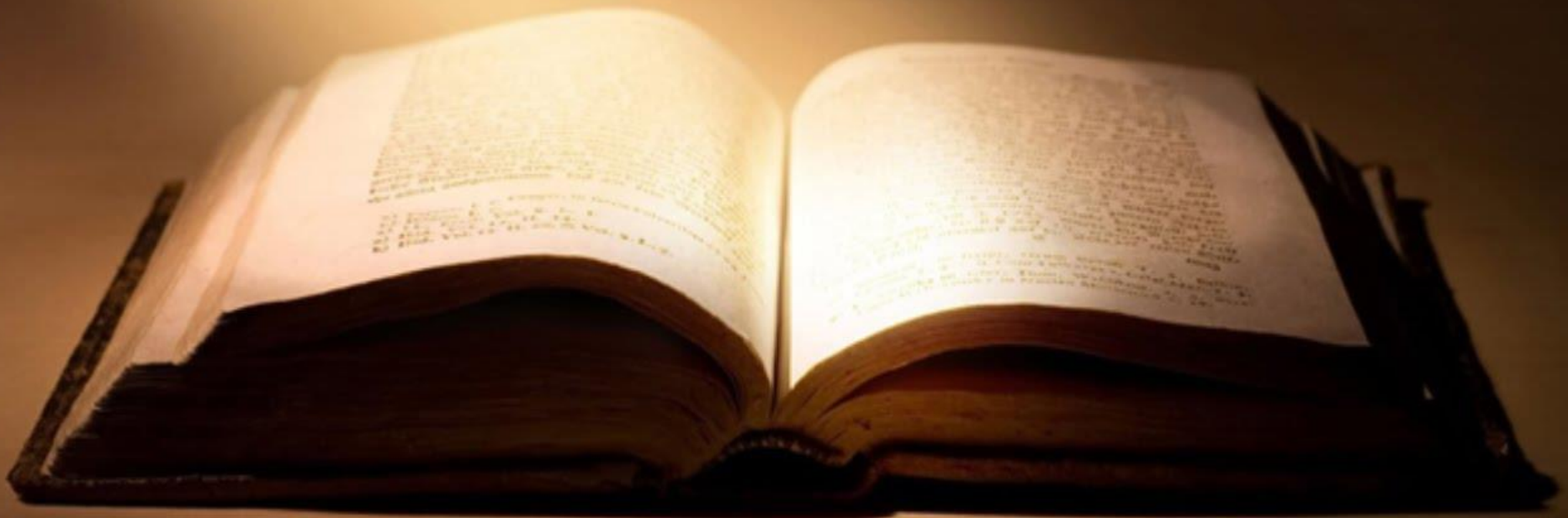


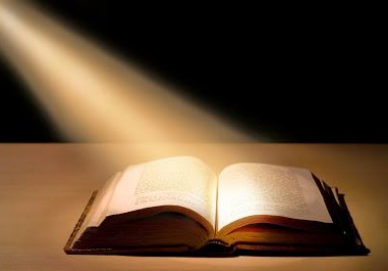
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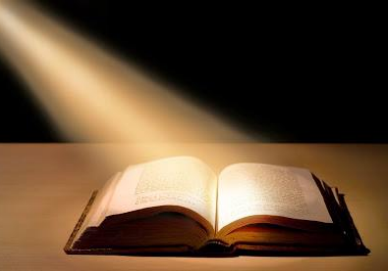
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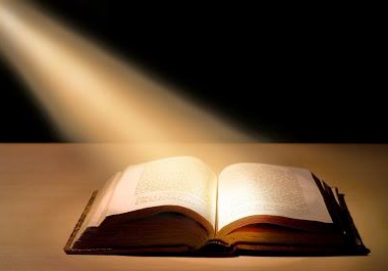
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 - There is nothing bad, wrong, or deceitful in Him



Darkness = Disorder and Emptiness (Genesis 1)

“Disorder & emptiness was the helpless state of creation apart from God’s merciful act of causing *His light* to shine in, in order to redeem creation out of the darkness and emptiness to create life”

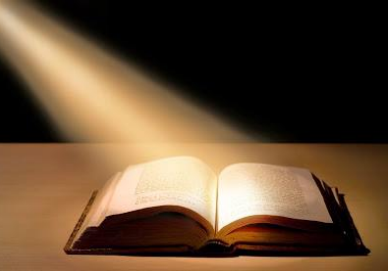


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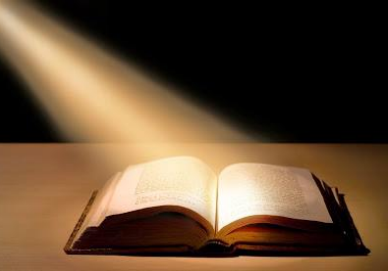
“God Himself is the source of life that dispels the darkness to create life out of nothing and establish order out of chaos.”



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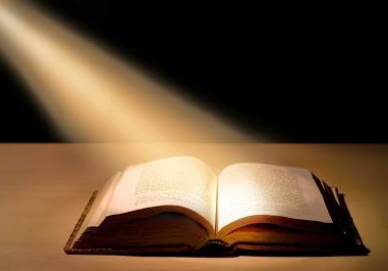
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Jesus is the true light!



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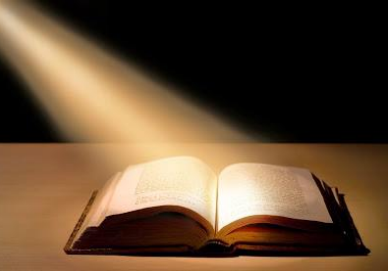
- a. What does it mean that God is light?
- b. **What does it mean to have fellowship with God?**
 - To embrace communion/ relationship with Him
 - To have a shared participation and contribution in the life and ministry He's called all believers to
 - To gladly find your satisfaction in Him
 - To reclaim your responsibility as His representative and image-bearer



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- c. Who's message is this?**
 - "It's the King's Message!"
 - Christ's message, not ours

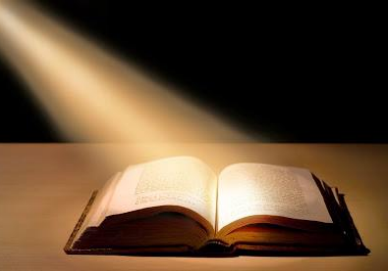


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2) What does it mean to walk in the darkness?

- Not merely an act of sinning
- To submit yourself to the darkness
- Dwelling in & abiding in opposition & hostility toward God

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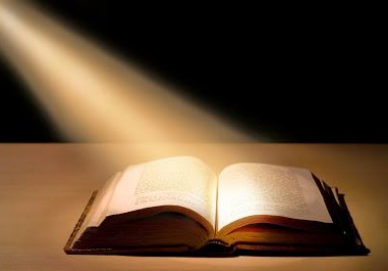
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- Not sinless perfection
- Living in reference to God & His character
- Ultimately being controlled by a desire for God, rather than a desire for the world

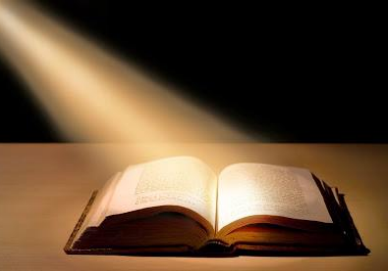
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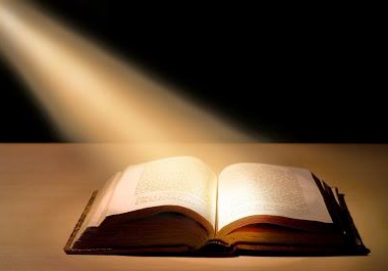
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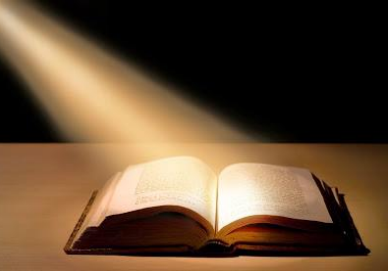
What does fellowship with one-another look like?

- We will embrace community & relationships with one another
- We will fight against the temptation to function in isolation.
- We will seek the good of others in the church, even at our own expense.
- We will have a contribution in each other's lives, help meet each other's needs, both physical and spiritual
- We will not deny our need for help, but assume that we need others to restore us when we're caught in sin
- We will partner with each other and have a shared participation in the life and ministry God has called us to
- We will walk in the light together and confess our sins to one-another.



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 - We're purified from ALL sin
 - A present assurance based on a present reality
 - Anchored in Christ's work – the foundation of assurance

“Confident assurance comes from knowing that if you're walking in the light, it was not *your* doing but *God's* doing... It was God who caused the light to shine in your heart so that you would believe, and it was Jesus that stepped into darkness to redeem you... He is the light that gives life to us and His saving work is effective. This is the ground of our assurance.”



Questions for reflection

- 1) Is your life marked by an orientation toward God (walking in the light)? Or would the people who know you best have questions about this?
- 2) Are you working to experience the fellowship you have with the Lord and with fellow believers within the church? Or are you feeling disconnected?
- 3) Are you counting on something in your past to be the assurance of your salvation? Or are you examining yourself *right now* to see if you are in the light?
- 4) What might need to change for you to “participate and have a contribution in the life and ministry God has called you to with all believers”?
- 5) Are you declaring the King’s message? If not, why not?



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