



“Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life”

NEW SERMON SERIES: “Love, Light + Life”

Sermon Connection Handout: **“Staying in the Light”** – 2/10/2019

1 John 1:1 - 10 (NKJV) – *“¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— ²the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And these things we write to you that ⁵your joy may be full. ⁶This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 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 Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.** ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”*

1 John 2:1 – 10 (NKJV) – *“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. ³Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. ⁷Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. ⁸Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the **darkness** is passing away, and the **true light** is already shining. ⁹He who says he is in **the light**, and hates his brother, is **in darkness** until now. ¹⁰He who loves his brother **abides in the light**, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.”*

- I believe John, by the Holy Spirit says to us: Let me make it _____. Walk with Jesus. Cling to your **FAITH**. _____ in the _____. When you sin, confess and move on. And SHOW your love for Jesus by loving your brothers and sisters in His Name and by the God-kind of unconditional, unlimited and unending _____.
- In John’s day as well as today, the tendency is to get involved with the complexities of personal activities, church responsibilities, Bible-reading programs, spiritual gifts inventories, and books that offer seven keys to this and 10 steps to that. Unfortunately, too much attention to these GOOD things may prevent us from focusing on what really matters: JESUS CHRIST.
- **Psalms 46:10 (NKJV)** – *“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”*
- Many people **KNOW** _____ God, but do not _____ God. (**Still** = [Heb] to cease or abate; relax).
 - **Psalms 4:4 (NKJV)** – *“Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and **be still**. Selah”*
 - **Read Luke 10:38 – 42 (NKJV)**

- **Psalms 119:130 (NKJV)** – “The entrance of Your words gives **light**; It give understanding to the **simple**.”
 - **Simple** = simplicity; open-minded. The opposite of **SIMPLICITY** is _____ or COMPLICATED. **The entrance of the Word is a “Key”**
- **Ephesians 5:14 – 17 (NKJV)** – “¹⁴Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you **light**” ¹⁵See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”
 - **Circumspectly** = accurately; wisely; purposefully
 - If I _____ from my spiritual sleep, _____ from the dead then I will receive _____ from Christ.
 - If I get with the Lord and stay in the _____, _____ will get *elongated* and *dilated*.
 - _____ is important to those whose lives are _____ and are those who give **ENTRANCE** to _____.
 - Our negative or improper emotions or unrenewed mind (wrong thinking) can BLOCK or FILTER our _____.
 - Our effectiveness as Born-again Christian believers and Christ-followers comes from getting in the _____ and STAYING there!
- **1 John 1:6 – 7 (NKJV); Vs 7 (AMPC)** – “*But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].*”
- _____ complicates! _____ simplifies and clarifies!

WHAT IS SIN?

- **Read Romans 14:21 – 23 (NKJV)** – Every step out of LOVE is _____. And FAITH works by and through LOVE. All _____ is fear-based, fear-dependent. Its motive is selfishness and self-serving for _____ it will miss out or be left out.
- **Read James 2:1 – 9 (NKJV)** – Personal _____, showing _____, **PREDJUDICE** or **DISCRIMINATION** is _____.
- **1 John 5:17 (NKJV)** – “All **unrighteousness is sin**, and there is sin not leading to death.”
- **James 4:17 (NKJV)** – “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, **to him it is sin.**”
 - In other words, _____ is a violation of _____. To stay in the _____ we have to continue to _____ in the _____ we have received.

DEALING WITH SIN

- Read 1 John 1:8 – 9 (NKJV) CONFESS** = acknowledge; admit it to and agree with God
- Child of God, you must remember that there are **TWO YOUs**:
 - 1st – The Old Man which lives by _____.
 - 2nd – The New Man which lives by _____ in Christ. **Ephesians 4:22 – 24**
 - **Read 2 Corinthians 12:2 – 10 (NKJV); James 4:6 [AMPC]**
 - **IF YOUR OLD MAN IS IN THE ASCENDENCY THEN YOU HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS INABILITY TO GOD.**
