



**Faith
Foundations
1 John**

Walking in the Light

1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice 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 cleanses us from all sin.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**We who are unholy can
still have fellowship with
God who is perfectly holy!**

I. Walking (vv, 1:5-6)

II. Talking (vv. 1:6-2:2)

III. Trusting

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Light emphasizes especially the splendor and glory of God, the truthfulness of God, and his purity.

Will Barker

*** 2 Corinthians 4:4**

*** Ephesians 5:8-9**



II. Talking (1:6-2:2)

The “if we say” claims

CLAIM #1

⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

CLAIM #2

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Westminster Confession of Faith

CHAPTER 13 Of Sanctification

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1. After God has called us and given us new hearts and spirits, He sanctifies us. He does this in a real and personal way, through Christ's death and resurrection, and by His Word and Holy Spirit living in us. Sanctification means that God is destroying the rule of sin in our lives.

He weakens our sinful lusts more and more, and puts them to death.

He makes us more and more alive, and makes us strong in the graces that save us and lead to true holiness – for “without holiness no one will see the Lord”.

2. Although God sanctifies each part of our being, in this life we'll never be perfect.

There will always be some remnants of rottenness in every part of us.

3. In this war, our remaining rottenness might get the better of us for a time. But, by the strength of the Spirit that sanctifies, our born-again nature will win in the end. And so we grow in grace, perfecting our holiness as we fear God.

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III. Trusting

Philippians 2:12-15

... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3
And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.



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**1/ This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine (3x)**

**2/ Shine all over Baltimore,
I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine (3x)**