

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1John 1:1-7**.
- B. The apostles were thoroughly convinced that Jesus was the Son of God and that He did come in the flesh. Now with what they had seen, heard, and touched--they preach so that their joy can be our joy.
- C. Part of that joy is the forgiveness of sins by the blood of X.
- D. Verses 5 through 10 have the following major points:
  - 1. God is the perfect standard of all things.
  - 2. If we any but do not walk, we lie.
  - 3. If we walk as He is, we practice the truth.
  - 4. We must realize our own sins and do something about it.

## I. GOD IS THE PERFECT STANDARD OF ALL THINGS.

- A. Scripture text: **1Jn. 1:5**.  
*And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.*
- B. God has created a physical universe in which to live, but He is also the perfect standard of non-physical things. Example: love, peace, patience, and forgiveness.
- C. All of this has been taught by X. He taught these things while in the flesh (1Jn. 1:1-3).  
*What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life--and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us--what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.*
- D. God has given us a perfect plan of salvation, by X. His blood cleanses us from all unrighteousness (1Jn. 1:9).  
*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- E. John, as well as God, wants us to be happy (have all joy).

## II. IF WE TALK, BUT DO NOT WALK.

- A. Some people *talk* a real "good game" about living the Xian life, but do little in *walking* it.
- B. John says it is possible to talk about fellowship with God, but not have it.  
Ex: I can say I am a sky-diver but that doesn't make me one.
- C. Those who only talk about righteousness are in the darkness of sin. They lie about their own spiritual condition (1Jn. 1:8).  
*If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
- D. One cannot practice the truth, and enjoy the darkness of sin at the same time (1Jn. 1:6; Mt. 12:30).  
*(1Jn 1:6) If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;*  
*(Mt 12:30) "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters."*

## III. IF WE WALK, AS HE IS.

- A. To procure salvation, we need to be walking and not just talking (1Jo. 1:7).  
*...but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.*
- B. Christ is in His Father's light, so if we walk as He did, we walk in the ways of our perfect heavenly Father (Mt. 3:17).  
*"...and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."*
- C. To have fellowship with one another means to have things in common (Amos 3:3).

Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?

- D. Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin; initially in baptism, and continually as we walk in the light.
- E. When we walk in the light, we are worthy of X (1Jn. 1:7; Rev. 3:4).  
(1Jn 1:7) ...but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.  
(Rev 3:4) 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white; for they are worthy.'

#### IV. WHEN WE REALIZE WE ARE SINNERS, WE MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

- A. The emphasis here is on "doing" something.
- B. To say we have no sin is to make God a liar, because God sent X to die.
- C. If mankind did not have sin, then:
  - 1. Jesus came to earth for no reason.
  - 2. Jesus died in vain.
  - 3. The OT law would be sufficient by itself.
- D. But now we can have confidence in X and in His death to give us the forgiveness we need.

#### CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Let me ask you very simply but directly: Are you walking or are you talking?
- B. Talking (alone) gets you nothing but darkness.
- C. Walking gets you forgiveness and light.
- D. If you are just talking about your salvation today, the invitation is for you. Start walking, by walking down the isle.
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.