

Series: Just the Basics
Title: God Is Light
1 John 1:5

Introduction

The association of light with God is not a new concept at all from a religious and spiritual point of view. The statement "God is light" is a recurring theme in the Bible.

1. You don't have to be a physicist to understand the difference between _____ and Light.
2. The Apostle John wrote this letter of 1 John to Christians who were being attacked by false teachers claiming that the real Jesus was just a human who had been _____ or energized by "the Christ."
3. Jesus was God-_____; God revealed in human flesh.
4. He witnessed and _____ Jesus' claims to be God.
5. He saw the miracles that _____ Christ's claims and handled his resurrected body.
6. John also stated that he had fellowship with Jesus and that all who _____ Him can share the same kind of fellowship with God that John and the other disciples had.
7. John introduces a basic principle of authentic Christian spirituality when he says, "_____ in the Light."

I. God Is Light

8. Anyone who claims to have fellowship with God but doesn't walk in the Light is either lying or _____.
9. John defines "light" differently; as a way to forge a vital connection between spirituality and _____.
10. God's command for us to be _____ is not a suggestion.

11. God also reveals his moral will to us subjectively through our _____.
12. John calls any attitude or action contrary to God's moral will "_____."
13. Sin damages our lives and the lives of others because it violates God's _____ for us.
14. "Walking in the light" means that we respond to God by being honest with him about our sins and accepting his _____ for our sins—Jesus' atoning death.
15. To claim that righteousness is not important, or that sin is only psychological guilt, or that sin doesn't really exist is _____ spirituality. John calls it "walking in darkness."
16. We can allow our new nature in Christ to _____ only psychological guilt, or that sin doesn't really exist is _____ spirituality. John calls it "walking in darkness."
17. Our new nature in Christ is _____ and holy.
18. our experience so that we live consistently godly lives.
19. These false teachers were _____ in sin while claiming they had no sin, didn't sin, or couldn't sin.
20. Americans have largely _____ any real connection between spirituality and morality.
21. They view God as a divine _____ and therapist for humanity, a deity who exists to serve them rather than the gracious and omnipotent God who powerfully created the world.
22. John is telling us that God is a moral _____—so if we want spiritual reality, we must come to grips with his righteousness and our sin.

23. Even though the Great Physician loves us and is competent to heal our sickness, we must be willing to _____ we're sick and come to him for healing before he can help us.
24. If we lie and say we're not guilty and haven't sinned, there's nothing He can do to _____ us.

II Walk in the Light

25. To establish fellowship with God, you must first humbly admit that you are a _____ sinner before him.
26. It means personally _____ yourself on him for mercy.
27. God _____ you when you humble yourself before Him, and He permanently acquits you of all moral guilt through Jesus' substitutionary death.
28. To *grow in* fellowship with God, you must humbly agree with God when He _____ you.
29. Sin takes many _____.
30. Whatever it is, God will _____ you through your conscience.
31. If you resist the Holy Spirit's correction, you will lose your peace and spiritual _____ with Christ.
32. To rationalize, blame-shift, minimize, or be flippant is what Adam and Eve did when they sinned in the _____.

Conclusion

33. Embracing God's way means _____ to do what the Holy Spirit shows you to do.
34. The Holy Spirit will teach us God's way and help us _____ when we repent of our sins and ask for God's help.

The way of restoration is always open to us! Instead of hiding and posturing, we can be honest about our sins and problems and receive God's love and forgiveness.

That is what produces close fellowship and spiritual transformation. When you walk in the light there is no need to hide in the darkness.

Answers

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| 1. darkness | 10. holy | 22. admit |
| 2. enlighten
ed | 11. conscience | 23. help |
| 3. incarnate | 12. sin | 24. guilty |
| 4. heard | 13. design | 25. casting |
| 5. substanti
ated | 14. remedy | 26. justifies |
| 6. receive | 15. false | 27. corrects |
| 7. Walk | 16. pure | 28. forms |
| 8. self-
deceived | 17. dominate | 29. convict |
| 9. morality | 18. living | 30. closeness |
| | 19. rejected | 31. Garden |
| | 20. butler | 32. agreeing |
| | 21. Being | 33. overcome |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. How should the fact that God is holy affect how you view sinfulness in your own life? What can I do this week to see my sin the way God does?
2. What actions do we see in American society that prove it sees God as a divine butler set up to serve themselves? What can we do as Christians to stand for holiness and help them take responsibility for their own sin?
3. Why is it so easy to attempt to justify our sin before God instead of taking responsibility for it? What sins have you tried to justify instead of simply agreeing with God about and repenting?