

Walking in the Light means

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About 1 John 1

- 1 John 1 was written to Gnostic Jews
 - Who don't believe that Jesus came in Flesh
 - (Believers, As an act of believing, they take part in Holy Communion showing that Jesus came in flesh)
- 1 John 2 starts with my Little Children – That is the place John is addressing the Believers.
- Even from the divine order of the bible we can clearly come to a conclusion that Peter, James and John's letters should be read with extra understanding as it is talking to the Believers among the Jews
 - Divine order is that the Letter's of Peter, James and John comes after the Letter's of Paul and also it comes towards the end of the bible.
 - End of the bible spiritually implies, towards the end of the world, towards end days
 - From the order, Paul's letters represents the time period of the Church. After the rapture of the Church, the Jews play a major role because they will go through the days of tribulation. That's why the Letters of Peter, James and John are towards the end of the bible.
 - Start of the bible : Genesis : Beginning of the world
 - Middle of the Bible : Matthew, Mark, Luke, John : Birth of Jesus Christ : History gets divided
 - End of the Bible : Peter, James, John, Revelation : End times
- 1 John talks about light and love
 - High Priest is also about Light and Perfection

1 John 4:2

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2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit who confesses that **Jesus Christ has come in the flesh** is of God,

Walking in the Light

1 John 1:5-7

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5 This is the message which we have heard from him and announce to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and don't tell 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 Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

- People used to think walking in light means doing bad deeds -> That is not this verse is saying
 - We are completely against doing bad deeds, but this verse is not saying about bad deeds
 - Consider, "walking in light" means doing good deeds(no sins), then why do you need **blood to cleanse your sins** (when you don't have any sins, because you are doing only good deeds)
- **Cleanses** : Active Tense
 - Continuous cleansing
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances_Ridley_Havergal unveiled this truth during her life time which empowered her
 - Without knowing this truth , despite she know all new Testament verses it brought her in to a bondage, of trying to work towards Gods favour and mercy, when she already had it in the first place and it doesn't depends on your deeds. Its a Gift, not a reward. And His blood continuously cleanses.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

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5 You are all children of light, and children of the day. We don't belong to the night, nor to darkness,

Walking without condemnation is Walking in Light

John 8:9-12

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9 They, when they heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the oldest, even to the last. Jesus was left alone with the woman where she was, in the middle. 10 Jesus, standing up, saw her and said, "Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one condemn you?"

11 She said, "No one, Lord."

Jesus said, "**Neither do I condemn you.** Go your way. From now on, **sin no more.**"

12 Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**I am the light of the world.** He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

Note about the Gift of no Condemnation

1. Receive the gift of No Condemnation (First)
2. It empowers you to sin no more. (Result/Fruit)
 - Concentrate on the Root (Receiving the Gift of No Condemnation), to get better fruits

Peter, James and John ministry for Jews

Galatians 2:9

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9 and when they perceived the grace that was given to me, **James and Cephas and John**, they who were reputed to be pillars, gave to **me[Paul] and Barnabas** the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the **Gentiles**, and **they** to the circumcision.

- Paul and Barnabas ministry is for Gentiles
- Note: Whenever Paul tried to preach to the Jews he got beaten.

- We could never see when Peter tried to preach to the Jews he got beaten
- So do the God's will for you, in order to prevent yourself in getting beaten.

James to the twelve tribes

James 1:1

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1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are in the Dispersion: Greetings.

No believers are called sinners

James 4:8

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8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Judgement in the House of God

- House of God is the Temple at Jerusalem (Jesus mentioned it as the House of God) in it's context.
- Happened at AD 70

1 Peter 4:17

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17 For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. If it begins first with us, what will happen to those who don't obey the Good News of God?

- Peter telling to the unbelieving Jews
- 1 Peter was written in AD 60

James to the unbelieving Jews

James 5:14-15

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14 **Is any among you sick?**[James asking question to the Unbelieving Jews] Let him call for **the elders of the assembly [Church]**, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, 15 and the prayer of faith will heal him who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

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9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

To the unbelievers

- Believers are already saved people.

Romans 10:8-10

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8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth, and in your heart"; that is, the word of faith, which we preach: 9 that if you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved**. 10 For with the heart, one believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.