

### WALKING IN THE LIGHT

*"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 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, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives."*

1 John 1:1-10 (NIV)

#### ❖ Understanding the Context of 1 John

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

John 1:1-5, 14 (NIV)

1. John was one of the 12 DISCIPLES of Jesus who knew Him as a dear friend.

*"One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him."*

John 13:23 (NIV)

2. John was in EPHESUS his later years and wrote this letter to them and others.
3. John wrote this letter to combat FALSE TEACHINGS about Jesus.

➤ **Key Truth:** Jesus is FULLY GOD and FULLY MAN.

#### ❖ Jesus is the final WORD for our Life

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1. This WORD is ETERNAL.

*"That which was from the beginning..."*

2. This WORD is PERSONAL.

*"...which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched..."*

3. This WORD is DIVINE.

*"And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."*

❖ **As Christians we are Known by "How We Walk"**

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1. God through Jesus Christ is the SOURCE of all LIGHT.
2. We are not WALKING with Jesus if we are WALKING in DARKNESS.
3. If we realize we have WANDERED from the light Jesus is ready to FORGIVE.

❖ **Our Challenge:** Where are you RIGHT NOW and what will you DO about it?

*"Look! I have been standing at the door, and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me."*

Revelation 3:20 (LB)