

v10 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. v6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. v7 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. v8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. v9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. v10 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 1:5-10

Over the last two weeks we have been looking at the passage using the title.

DOES YOUR WALK MATCH YOUR TALK?

In the first week I looked at the last part of the title regarding “YOUR TALK”, and said the following:

I WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT JESUS, IS IT TRULY THE JESUS OF THE BIBLE THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT?

1. **WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR TALK?**
2. **DOES YOUR TALK BRING CLARITY OR CONFUSION?**
3. **DOES YOUR TALKING FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE OR ON WHAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED?** (Tim Keller)

A FALSE MESSAGE FOCUSES ON WHAT YOU HAVE OR ARE GOING TO ACHIEVED!!!

A TRUE MESSAGE FOCUSES ON WHAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED!!!

1) Firstly, A GENUINE SENSE OF BELONGING.

2) Secondly, A GENUINE REDEMPTION.

Last week I looked at the first part of the title regarding “YOUR WALK”, and said the following:

II WHEN YOU WALK ABOUT AS A CHRISTIAN, DO YOUR DEEDS MATCH YOUR DECLARATION? “IF WE CLAIM”

1. **IF YOU DECLARE YOU KNOW THE ONE WHO IS “LIGHT”, YOU CAN’T LIVE IN DARKNESS?**
 - 1) **Firstly, THIS IS ABOUT HABITUAL SINNING.**
 - 2) **Secondly, WE ARE LIVING A LIE.**
 - 3) **Thirdly, WE ARE NOT “DOING” THE TRUTH.**
2. **IF YOU DECLARE YOU AREN’T “SO BAD”, YOU CAN NEVER KNOW TRUE FORGIVENESS?**
3. **IF YOU DECLARE YOU ARE “god”, YOU DECLARE THAT “GOD” IS A LIAR?**

This week I want to look at

III WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE FAILING IN “YOUR TALK” AND/OR “YOUR WALK”.

1. **If you feel you are failing in “YOUR TALK” and/or “YOUR WALK”, DON’T GIVE UP!!!!**

v7 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.

Let me say three things:

- 1) Firstly, THIS IS ABOUT CREATING NEW HABIT'S.** *v7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light* – Like in v6, the word translated “WALK” here also means “deliberate, intentional” walk. Before the Holy Spirit came to live in us, we HAD NO OPTION but to SIN, because we were born into SIN.

NOW WE HAVE THE INTERNAL POWER TO CHANGE!!!

We don't need to “WALK IN DARKNESS” we can and should “WALK IN LIGHT”.

- 2) Secondly, THIS IS ABOUT BEING ACCOUNTABLE TO EACH OTHER.** *v7 But if..., we have fellowship with one another* – The “FELLOWSHIP” here is not referring to the fellowship with our Triune God, the fellowship here is about OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER.

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED WHAT PEOPLE DO WHEN THEY ARE LIVING A SINFUL LIFE?

THEY STOP GOING TO CHURCH/BIBLE STUDY/YOUTH/ETC.

Ask any program that deals with ALCOHOLICS what they need.

1. Admit there is a problem.
2. Put your trust in a “Higher Power” to get you through.
3. Avoid tempting situations, places and people.
4. JOIN AN AA MEETING!!!!
5. KEEP GOING TO AN AA MEETING!!!

YOU WILL BE INFLUENCED BY PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU ASSOCIATE. – (rotten fruit illustration)

- 3) Thirdly, THIS IS ABOUT RESTING IN GOD'S GRACE and MERCY.** *v7 ... , and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin* –

Two weeks ago, I reminded you about the POWER of the BLOOD OF JESUS.

1. The Blood of Jesus FULLY SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOD.
2. The Blood of Jesus FULLY PAID THE PENALTY OF SIN.
3. The Blood of Jesus FULLY PURCHASED THE REDEMPTION OF ALL MEN.
4. The Blood of Jesus FULLY WASHES US CLEAN FROM OUR SIN.
5. The Blood of Jesus FULLY REMOVED THE CURSE SIN.
6. The Blood of Jesus FULLY SET US FREE FROM THE CONDEMNATION OF SIN.
7. The Blood of Jesus FULLY OPENED THE DOOR OF ETERNAL LIFE.
8. The Blood of Jesus FULLY PROTECTS US FROM THE POWER OF SATAN.

The problem for most of us is:

WE WANT TO WORK FOR AND EARN OUR OWN SALVATION.

We find it very hard to TRUST!! We have been let down by so many people over the years, that we feel we need to be doing something.

The big problem is that the more we try to “FIX” our sin problem, the more we fail, and the more we fail, the harder we try. And in the end it all becomes a hopeless cycle of effort – failure – guilt – more effort – more failure – more guilt.

AND IN THE END, WE JUST GIVE UP. (stopping smoking illustration)

WHAT MUST WE DO WHEN WE FAIL OVER AND OVER AGAIN?

STOP TRUSTING IN YOUR STRENGTH AND FULLY TRUST IN THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS TO FORGIVE YOU!!!

1. **If you feel you are failing in "YOUR TALK" and/or "YOUR WALK", DON'T GIVE UP!!!!**
2. **If you feel you are failing in "YOUR TALK" and/or "YOUR WALK", TELL GOD ABOUT THE PROBLEM!!!!?**

v9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let me say TWO things:

- 1) **Firstly, TELL GOD THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR PROBLEM.** *v9 If we confess our sins – The Greek word translated "CONFESS" is "HOMOLOGEO" which comes from two Greek word "HOMO" – the SAME, and "LOGEO" – WORDS.*

What the word really means:

TELL GOD THE FULL TRUTH ABOUT YOU SIN!!!

Have you ever listened to a child when you confront them about something wrong, they have done.

They first DENY it was them.

Then that ACCUSE someone else.

Then they BLAME someone or something else. (The devil made me do it)

Then they COMPARE what they did with what other people do.

AND DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING

WE ALL DO THE SAME ABOUT OUR OWN SIN!!!

Eve, Cain, Samson, Saul, David, Peter

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW

GOD ALREADY KNOWS!!!

JUST FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTION:

TELL GOD THE FULL TRUTH ABOUT YOU SIN!!!

- 2) **Secondly, GOD HAS ALREADY FORGIVEN YOUR SINS.** *v9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness –*

GOD IS FAITHFUL AND JUST.

Paul writes about God's Faithfulness in

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. v24 **The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.***

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 *He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. v9 **God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.***

Peter writes about God's Justice in

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,*

GOD IS JUSTIFYING US AND SANCTIFYING US.

GOD IS JUSTIFYING US means God treats us “JUST-as-if-I-have-not-sinned” *v9 If we confess our sins, he ... will forgive us our sins ...*

Paul writes about the Justifying work of God in

Romans 5:8-9 *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. v9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!*

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders v10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. v11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

GOD IS SANCTIFYING US means God is “SANITIZING-us-for-HIS-use” *v9 If we confess our sins, he ... will ... purify us from all unrighteousness*

Paul spoke about the his Sanctifying work in

John 17:17-19 *Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. v18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. v19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.*

CONCLUSION

SO!!!

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DON'T GIVE UP!!!!

TELL GOD ABOUT THE PROBLEM!!!!