

Sermon Notes

Living in the Light

1 John 1:5-2:14

Intro: if you had one word to describe God, what would you choose?

1. God is ... ? (v5)

- Utter, blazing purity
- That illuminates our darkness

So how can anyone know the real God? And be sure they do?

2. Walking in the light sign 1: (1:6-2:2) Confessing sin at the cross, not denying it

FALSE CLAIMS

v6 claim to know God

!but in the *dark*!

v8 claim to have no sin

!but self-*deceived*!

v10 claim to have not sinned

!but *deny* truth!

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TRUE REALITY

Walking in the light...

= *cleansed* by Jesus' blood

= *confessing* our sins

= *confident* only in Christ

...as ongoing advocate

...as full atonement

3. Walking in the light sign 2: (2:3-11) Obediently loving Christians, not hating them

FALSE CLAIMS

Claiming to know God (x3)

!but disobey his LOVE command!

!by hating believers!

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TRUE REALITY

Walking in the light...

...walking like Jesus

...by loving believers

Conclusion: I am writing because you do know God and forgiveness and victory, and I want you to know that! (1:12-13)