

Walking in the Light

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The Christian lifestyle of walking in the light is set forth in many places in the New Testament Letters. One very important section is in I John:

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him 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 (I John 1:5-7).

In these verses we see two opposing ways of living: in the light or in darkness. If we are to walk in fellowship with God as his children and with our

brothers and sisters in Christ then we must walk in the light. It is not an "optional extra" - it is the Christ-like life of the believer..

There are many verses which help show us how to live this way. In Ephesians 5:1-2 we see that we are to be imitators of God, who is light. We do this by following the example of Christ, who was the perfect revelation of God and who fully carried out God's will. Christ's life was light and love and this is how we are to live. All of the specific practical ways of living a life of love flow directly from our imitation of Christ in day to day living.

We all have faults and frailties in our lives. Only by each of us endeavoring to overlook those in others and then loving each other "as Christ loved us" are we able to have unity within the body of Christ and grow together. Understanding and living these simple truths is the *only* basis for our fellowship with God and each other. This is walking in the light.