

WEEK 5: CONFESSING YOUR SIN Part 1
THIS IS THE MESSAGE
1 John 1:5

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I. MESSAGE DEFINED

- A. **“1Jo 1:5 ¶ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,”**
1. Specific word order in the Greek to relay the significance of the message
 2. **“There exists this message”** → Emphasis in the English is on **“The”** – definite article, specific, there is only this one
 3. Verb **“is”** to give the sense of existence
 4. **Not one of many messages but the same message that was from the beginning.**
 5. NOT been altered. → **“timeless”** message – **it is “the message” of eternity.**
- B. **Message spoken by Christ--“message we have heard from him”**
1. Message **did not come from John or the other apostles**
 2. Recall Gnostic teaching: special enlightenment of their own; claimed special insight
 3. **John states the message that he and the apostles taught was Jesus Christ’s!**
 4. **we have heard [direct] from him** → Message heard in the 1st person
 5. **Jesus Christ, as the Son of God was utmost authority to reveal the nature of God**
 6. **From God, God Himself was the Author of this message that John proclaimed.**
 7. **Ps 36:9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.**
 8. Peter: **2 Pe 1:19 ¶ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,** 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, **but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**
- C. **Message REPEATED WITHOUT VARIATION**
1. **“and proclaim to you”**
 2. John’s message was exactly as Jesus had spoken it 60 years earlier
 3. Their joy was to see believers come to eternal life
- D. **Message’s Central Theme**
1. **that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**
 2. **Not a simple statement, it is a command of Jesus to be made known to the world.**
 3. **Nature of God → that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

E. “**that God is light**”

1. NOT a light among other lights; Not just a bearer of light
2. Light is NOT just one of God’s characteristics
3. **John in his gospel explains “light and life” as being synonymous**
 - a. physical and spiritual
 - b. **John then explains Jesus was God:** John 1:4 In him was life, and **the life** was the **light** of men.
 - c. John 5:26 For as the **Father has life** in himself, so he has granted the **Son also to have life in himself.**
4. **God is invisible**→ but the Light of God was made visible in Jesus Christ
 - a. John 1:9 The **true light**, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
 - b. John 9:5 "While I am in the world, **I am the Light** of the world."
5. **God is the Possessor of true light and gives light to the world**

F. **What does “Light” mean here?** → two fundamental truths

G. **#1--Light of God is equated with Truth of God as defined in the Word of God**

1. Truth about eternal life, salvation
2. **This light of truth that God gives acts as a lamp to the paths of life**
 - a. Ps 119:105 ¶ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
 - b. Ps 119:130 ¶ The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
 - c. 2Pe 1:19 ¶ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a **lamp shining in a dark place**, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,
3. Jesus states: John 8:12 . . . "I am **the Light** of the world;
 - a. Jesus is saying “I am what is true, I am life itself”
 - b. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: . . .

H. **#2 --Light refers to Morality→ holiness, purity, sinlessness**

1. John states “God is Light”, that God is perfectly and unequivocally holy as a Person!
2. **Light**→good and pure contrasted with **Darkness**→evil and polluted with sin.
 - a. God is COMPLETE AND PERFECT HOLINESS AND PURITY– Opposite of darkness which refers to error or falsehoods, sin or wrongdoing
3. **God of Himself:** Le 11:44 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and **ye shall be holy; for I am holy:** . .
4. When Peter repeated this verse in speaking of God 1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for **I am holy**, he was referring to God being all Light
5. **Paul wrote of believers who are children of God:** Eph 5:8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

I. **John continues: “in him is no darkness at all”**

1. **John states positively that God is Light and then repeats the same thing from a negative standpoint, “in him is no darkness at all”**
2. **Nothing in His character exhibits any wrong or error**
3. **James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.**
4. **God is True Light, as such Darkness cannot exist in Him or before Him!**
 - a. Paul wrote of the Light of God: 1Ti 6:16 who alone has immortality, **who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see.** To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
5. **God’s character is holy; Thoughts are holy; Speech is holy; Actions are holy**
6. **Isaiah’s vision of seraphim surrounding the throne of God: Isa 6:3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”**
7. **All God’s attributes are perfect and worthy of praise, but heaven magnifies and praises Him for His perfect holiness.**

J. **WHAT DOES SUCH A STATEMENT MEAN TO MANKIND?**

1. **No sin in or with God, it is impossible to receive anyone into His presence that have sin.**
 - a. **MAN HAS A PROBLEM—>Ro 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**
 - b. **God makes men sinless by the covering of the righteousness of Jesus Christ**
(1) **JUDICIALLY CLEAN; POSITIONALLY RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY**
 - c. **John 8:12 . . . “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me **will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”****
 - d. **Eph 5:8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.**
 - e. **Only those who live in truth and righteousness will possess the Light of God.**
 - f. **Darkness is the Absence of light.** Without the Light of God, MEN are in darkness and therefore cannot belong to God!
 - g. **God will not allow the unrighteousness to exist in His presence!**
 - h. **Believers at times hide rather than seeking the light that is in Christ**
(1) **but the direction of their life, their desire and striving is towards the Light of God.**

(2) Php 3:12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

2. **All that God does is perfect and right**

- a. **All God does is holy and right**
- b. Even in His judgement he is perfectly holy and just
- c. Trials & tribulations of life are under the sovereign rule of the God of Light
- d. **He is working good** for those who are of the Light and are called according to His purpose

K. **Men will be Judge for Denying/Refusing the Light of the World**

1. Joh 3:19 And this is the judgment: the **light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness** rather than the light because their works were evil.
2. **Men will be judged because Light came into the world but man chose darkness**
 - a. **People choose darkness and condemnation lies in that fact!**
 - b. **Why do they do such? "Because their deeds are evil"**
 - c. Do not desire to be disturbed by light→**Comfortable in their sin and darkness**
3. **Rejecting Christ means you are condemning yourself!**

L. **Darkness is man's natural state => Light brings fear to men**

1. **Men are comfortable in darkness**– love darkness **because their works were evil.**, they are dark
 - a. Light exposes the evil of our lives→against our nature to come to the light
2. **Darkness allows us to live in sin and not be convicted**
3. **RC Sproul:** *"God's message was "I sent the light, but you didn't want the light. But all who are of the light come to the light, who embrace the light will not perish but have everlasting life."*
4. **Light delivers the soul from eternal darkness** →their choice to remain in darkness
5. John 8:12 Then Jesus again 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."
6. Jesus brought illumination and understanding→ Pharisees rejected His witness
7. John 8:13 So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; **your testimony is not true.**"
8. **Every unbeliever in the world says the same thing to Jesus because the SPIRIT OF UNBELIEF ACCUSES CHRIST OF BEING A FALSE WITNESS!**

M. Jesus warned that time was limited when they could hear the message and believe.

1. John 12:35 So Jesus said to them, "The **light is among you for a little while longer.** Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 **While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.**" When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.
2. You in the darkness do not know where you are going.
3. You need to come now while the opportunity exists for you to become a child of the light!

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