

WEEK 6: CONFESSING YOUR SIN Part 2
THIS IS THE MESSAGE DESCRIBED
1 John 1:6-2:2

<u>If we say . . .</u>	<u>v s</u>	<u>REALITY</u>
1:6 “we have fellowship”		“walk in darkness”
1:8 “have no sin”		“deceive ourselves”
1:10 “have not sinned”		“make Him a liar and the word is not in us”
2:4 “I have come to know Him		“does not obey commandments”
2:6 “he abides in Him”		“ought himself to walk to walk in same manner”
2:9 “he is in the light”		“Hates his brother is in darkness until now”

“GOD IS LIGHT AND THERE IS NO DARKNESS IN HIM AT ALL.”

Men are born in darkness→Only Jesus Christ can transfer us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light.

MESSAGE DEFINED as discussed last week, is that God is absolutely holy and men have no hope of standing before him in their own righteousness. The righteousness of Jesus Christ is the only solution to man’s problem.

Therefore we must have the Right View of Jesus Christ if we are to be a True Believer.

John begins to describe how this all lines up with what is going on practically in the lives of professing believers.

John again uses comparisons to get his point across.

I. MESSAGE DESCRIBED

- A. **6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**
- B. **If we say we have fellowship with him**
 - 1. “If we say” is repeated —x in —x verses in 1Jn
 - 2. “We” = man, people, John includes himself
- C. What are we saying when we make such a claim to have Fellowship with God?
 - 1. **Fellowship**→ koinonia→ complete partnership with another, sharing mind set,
 - 2. Fellowship defined here is NOT just friends, NOT a social relationship
 - 3. Sharing Eternal Life with a holy and pure God in which there is not darkness at all!
 - 4. Walking with Him, He is leading your life
 - 5. We are saying that God is our Father, and we are His child→What He loves, we love, what He desires is what we desire!
- D. **. . .while we walk in darkness**
 - 1. Walk living, abiding
 - 2. Darkness is the opposite of what is True, of holiness, sin, unholiness, absence of truth
 - 3. Darkness is the opposite of God who is Light!

- E. if this is our testimony and our life then . . . **we lie and do not practice the truth.**
1. Plain and demeaning term here when he says “we lie”
 2. Lying is knowing truth but stating a falsehood→ opposite
 3. Have been given truth—know truth- claim truth but their heart is void of real truth
 4. PRACTICE --*poieo poy-eh'-o* – to perform, act— refers to how we live our life;
 5. Cannot be in a Fellowship with God and continually practice darkness
 6. Gnostics claimed to have fellowship with God, even getting special revelation
 - a. Claimed their lives did not matter– it was only physical
 - b. Continually walked in the darkness, living a life of sin
- F. What deeds is John talking about here?
1. Any deed that cannot withstand the judgement of God
 2. Jn 3:19-21 all evil deeds will be judged

G. SUCH A LIFE God would not tolerate→ it is the opposite of who or what God is

1. Ps 5:4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.
2. Ps 101:7 **No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house;** no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes.
3. **If this is true in our lives, we are NOT true believers, we are false converts!**

II. 7 **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 cleanses us from all sin.**

- A. **But if we walk in the light,**→ walking in the light is the opposite of practicing darkness
- B. **as he is in the light** → means we are IN Fellowship with God and His Son
- C. We will never **walk in the light, as he is in the light** until God changes our hearts
1. A true believers heart has been changed→ walk will be representative the heart.
 2. Not perfect, But there will be a direction of our walk, life, a habit in our life **to desire to live as Christ lived.**
- D. This one that **walks in the light, as he is in the light, [will] have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**
1. Those that have been born from above through faith in Jesus Christ all are united together through one thing → **the blood of Jesus**
 2. **the blood of Jesus** is what causes our fellowship with each other

3. Fellowship with Christ, pushes darkness away, we are filled with light of God
4. **the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**
 - a. Jesus' sacrifice was not just for sins of the past– it was for all sin!
 - b. His **blood** has and continually **cleanses us from all sin.**
5. If we **walk in the light, as He is in the light . . . We will have fellowship with one another,**
 - a. ...live in God's light implies that we strive to have ongoing fellowship with others who walk in the light
 - b. Jesus explained the necessity in Mat 22:37-39– you shall love the Lord with all your heart, but second is like it love your neighbor as yourself
 - c. Having fellowship with God must be accompanied by a desire to have fellowship with those God loves→ the church here on earth
6. **If we are in Fellowship with God and are walking in the light, we understand that Jesus has washed us clean**
 - a. But if we DO fall into sin, we have a desire to come before throne of God and plead forgiveness
7. **Therefore, Our walk in everyday life indicates who we are in fellowship with**
 - a. If we walk in darkness, we are in fellowship with the Prince of darkness-Satan
 - b. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light→ our fellowship will be with Him and His blood continually cleanses us!
 - c. Walking in the light is not a part-time – it is continuous
 - d. We desire to reflect the image of God to all around us
 - e. We desire to glorify God in our lives.

III. 8 ¶ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- A. Gnostics claimed to be sinless–their doctrinal understanding was that it did not matter what we did in this life– we just have to say we believe in God
 1. Gnostics denied that their spiritual nature was sinful
- B. Scripture states Salvation only comes to the one who sees his sin; acknowledges his sin; is broken over his sin to the point that they cry out to God to forgive them of their sin!
- C. Jesus said, “these and these alone are blessed”
- D. **If one never confesses that we ARE sinners, SALVATION CANNOT RESULT!**
- E. Rich young ruler– “I did all the law since I was a child. I have NO sin!”

F. Men are BORN SINNERS-We are born broken!

1. Christ came for the sick, the lame, the broken
2. Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because **the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek**; he hath sent me to **bind up the brokenhearted**, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;
3. Eze 34:16 I will **seek that which was lost**, and bring again that which was driven away, and **will bind up that which was broken**, and will **strengthen that which was sick**: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.
4. Mr 2:17 When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, **They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick**: I came not to call the righteous, but **sinner**s to repentance.
5. **Jesus Fixes the Broken-He brings life to DEAD sinners** (Eph 2:1)

G. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1. Rom 3:23 “all have sinned and fallen short”
2. To say we are not sinners is to speak what is UNTRUE —
3. **Truth of God-which is the Light of God- will always shine light on the sin, the darkness of a man.**

H. False teachers are deceived to believe that there is no sin in their lives

IV. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A. MESSAGE FROM CHRIST, is that If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

B. he is faithful and just

1. he is faithful
 - a. trustworthiness of God
 - b. He promises forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all that will seek Him
 - c. Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
 - d. Ro 5:1 ¶ Therefore, since **we have been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- e. De 7:9 Know therefore that the **LORD your God is God, the faithful God** who **keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,**
 - f. 1Co 1:9 **God is faithful,** by whom you were **called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**
 - g. Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, **for he who promised is faithful.**
2. he is just
- a. God is just and the guilty will NOT go unpunished.
 - b. God's own Son paid the wage due us who put our faith in Christ
 - c. Tit 2:14 who **gave himself for us to redeem** us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
 - d. Ro 3:26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that **he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus**
 - e. Re 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!
 - f. Jer 33:8 **I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,** and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.
- C. **John is declaring the faithfulness of God to those that have put trust in His Son**
- 1. NO reason to walk in darkness; No reason to live in deception and be damned!
 - 2. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - 3. And having been cleansed once and for all, we have fellowship with Him and His Son
 - 4. Ro 5:1 ¶ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
- V. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.
- A. **Anyone who says have not sinned is a liar, and they do not have God's word in them!**
 - B. **Case closed argument.** —>All men have sinned and fallen short

- C. Through repentance— owning that sin, and pleading forgiveness before Christ, we will be saved from the wrath of God, the wages we would earn for our sin will be paid to Him.
 - D. **To understand it different is to be lost, to be unforgiven; to be one that has not the truth of God in them**
 - E. Gnostics claim special enlightenment but they are liars, deceived, no revelation of truth!
 - F. Word of God is truth—
 1. It is a sword that cuts deep to the heart of men
 2. To the bone and marrow it goes
 3. It shines light in the darkness in our lives
 4. It shows us our sin
 5. It gives truth of how we can be saved
 6. It instructs us how we can be forgiven and be washed clean
- VI. Only those who recognize their sin and ask forgiveness for it, have eternal life
- A. This is a requirement of EL
 - B. **If we do not understand this test, or if we refuse to believe this truth— we are NOT true believers and we are still living in darkness**
 - C. We are still under the penalty of our sin and the truth is NOT in us!