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**“WALKING AND TALKING “**

PART 3

2 JOHN VS 1-3, 5-6

LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS JOHN REVEALED TO US TWO OF THE THREE APPROACHES TO SIN.

I. WE CAN **COVER** OUR SIN

II. WE CAN **CONFESS** OUR SIN

AS WE LOOK AT THESE NEXT FEW VERSES WE WILL IDENTIFY WHAT THE THIRD APPROACH IN DEALING WITH SIN IS:

III. WE CAN **CONQUER** OUR SINS ( 2:1-3,5-6 ) JOHN MAKES IT CLEAR THAT CHRISTIANS DO NOT HAVE TO SIN “**I AM WRITING THESE THINGS TO YOU THAT YOU MAY NOT SIN** ( 1 JOHN 2 VS 1 )

**MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION #1: HOW DO I CONQUER SIN ?**

ANSWER ” **BY WALKING IN THE LIGHT** “(I JOHN 1 VS 7 ) THIS IS THE SECRET OF THE VICTORY OVER SIN.

**MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION #2 : WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “ **WALK IN THE LIGHT ? “****

TO WALK IN THE LIGHT MEANS TO:

**A. IT MEANS TO BE OPEN AND HONEST AND SINCERE**

**DEFINE :** SINCERE\_– THIS WORD COMES FROM TWO LATIN WORDS, SINE AND CERA , WHICH MEAN “ **WITHOUT WAX** “ IN ROMAN DAYS SOME OF THE SCULPTORS COVERED UP THEIR MISTAKES BY FILLING THE DEFECTS IN THE MARBLE WITH WAX, WHICH WAS NOT ABLE TO BE SEEN RIGHT AWAY – BUT WHEN THE STATUE HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO THE HOT SUN YOU COULD SEE ALL THE DEFECTS IN THEM.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT CHURCHES AND BIBLE CLASSES HAVE BEEN INVADDED BY INSINCERE PEOPLE, PEOPLE WHOS LIVES CAN NOT STAND TO BE TESTED BY GOD’S LIGHT . GOD IS LIGHT, AND WHEN WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN HIDE. IT IS REFRESHING TO MEET CHRISTIANS WHO ARE OPEN AND SINCERE AND NOT TRYING TO MASQUERADE!

IT MEANS THAT WHEN THE LIGHT REVEALS OUR SIN TO US WE SHOULD BE **HONEST** ABOUT MY SIN AND NOT TRY TO COVER IT UP, DECIEVE MYSELF ABOUT IT , DOWN PLAY IT BUT I SHOULD IMMEDIATELY :

1. **CONFESS IT TO GOD**

2. **CLAIM HIS FORGIVENESS**

3. **IF OUR SIN INJURES ANOTHER PERSON WE OUGHT TO ASK HIS FORGIVENESS TOO**

**B. BE OBEDIENT TO THE WORD OF GOD** ( I JOHN 2 VS 3-4 ) “ THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO THY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO THY PATH “ ( PSALMS 119 VS 105) TO WALK IN THE LIGHT MEANS TO SPEND TIME DAILY IN GOD’S WORD. WHY?

**TO DISCOVER GOD’S WILL** - OBEY WHAT HE TOLD US TO DO

**NOTE:** OBEDIENCE TO GOD’S WORD IS PROOF OF OUR LOVE FOR HIM. THERE ARE THREE MOTIVES FOR OBEDIENCE:

1. **WE CAN OBEY BECAUSE WE HAVE TO** (SLAVE ) HE HAS TO, IF NOT HE WILL BE PUNISHED
2. **WE CAN OBEY BECAUSE WE NEED TO** (EMPLOYEE) HE MAY NOT ENJOY HIS WORK, BUT HE DOES ENJOY GETTING A PAY CHECK. HE HAS TO OBEY BECAUSE HE HAS A FAMILY TO FEED AND CLOTHE
3. **WE CAN OBEY BECAUSE WE WANT TO** ( CHRISTIAN ) BECAUSE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHRISTAIN AND GOD IS ONE OF LOVE. ( JOHN 14 VS 15 ) “ IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDENTS “

**NOTE:** THIS IS THE WAY WE LEARNED OBEDIENCE WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN

**FIRST-** WE OBEYED BECAUSE WE HAD TO- IF WE DID NOT OBEY WE WERE SPANKED!

**SECOND** – AS WE GREW UP WE DISCOVERED THAT OBEDIENCE MEANT ENJOYMENT AND REWARD, SO WE START OBEYING BECAUSE IT MET CERTAIN NEEDS IN OUR LIVES.

**THIRD** – AS WE GREW EVEN MORE . WE STARTED TO OBEY BECAUSE WE LOVE, 9 THIS IS A MARK OF MATURITY )

“ BABY CHRISTIANS “ MUST CONSTANTLY BE WARNED OR REWARDED. MATURE CHRISTIANS LISTEN TO GOD’ S WORD SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY LOVE HIM

- C. FOLLOWING CHRIST AS OUR EXAMPLE AND WALKING AS HE WALKED** ( I JOHN 2 VS 6 )  
AFTER WE HAVE COME INTO THE GOD’S FAMILY WE ARE TO LOOK TO JESUS CHRIST AS

THE ONE GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF LIFE WE SHOULD LIVE. CHRIST IS NOT ONLY OUR ADVOCATE WHO REPRESENTS US BEFORE GOD ( I JOHN 2 VS 1) AND THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SIN ( I JOHN 2 VS 2 ) BUT HE IS ALSO THE PERFECT PATTERN, HE IS JESUS CHRIST THE RIGHTEOUS – FOR OUR DAILY LIFE.

I JOHN 4 VS 17 ... HEREIN IS OUR LOVE MADE PERFECT, THAT WE MAY HAVE BOLDNESS IN THE DAY JUDGEMENT; BECAUSE **AS HE IS**, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD

THE KEY STATEMENT IS “**AS HE IS** “SO HOW IS HE?

HE IS: **LIGHT**, SO WE SHOULD **WALK IN LIGHT** ( I JOHN 1 VS 7)

HE IS **PURE**, SO WE SHOULD **PURIFY OURSELVES** ( I JOHN 3 VS 3 )

HE IS **RIGHTEOUS**, SO WE **DOETH RIGHTEOUSNESS** ( I JOHN 3 VS 7 )

HE IS **FORGIVING** , SO WE **OUT TO FORGIVE** ( EPH 4 VS 32 , COL 3 VS 13 )

WALKING IN THE LIGHT WILL AFFECT MANY AREAS IN OUR LIVES:

A. **HUSBANDS** 1. **LOVE** ( EPH 5 VS 25 ) 2. **CARE** ( EPH 5 VS 29)

B. **WIVES** 1. **HONOR** ( EPH 5 VS 22-24) 2. **OBEY**

THE WORD ABIDE ( JOHN 15 – I JOHN 2 VS 6 ) MEANS TO DEPEND COMPLETELY ON HIM FOR ALL THAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO LIVE FOR HIM AND SERVE HIM. IT IS A LIVING RELATIONSHIP. AS HE LIVES HIS LIFE THROUGH US , WE ARE ABLE TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE AND WALK AS HE WALKED. PAUL EXPRESSED THIS EXPERIENCE PERFECTLY “ CHRIST LIVETH IN ME “ ( GAL 2 VS 20).

REFERENCE TO THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – CHRIST IS OUR ADVOCATE IN HEAVEN TO REPRESENT US BEFORE GOD WHEN WE SIN ( I JOHN 2 VS 1), THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD’S ADVOCATE FOR US HERE ON EARTH. CHRIST IS MAKING INTERCESSION FOR US ( ROM 8 VS 34 ), AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALSO MAKING INTERCESSION FOR US.( ROM 8 VS 26-27 )

GOD THE SON PRAYS FOR US IN HEAVEN – GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYS FOR US IN OUR HEARTS – WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER THROUGH THE SON, AND THE FATHER HAS FELLOWSHIP WITH US THROUGH THE SPIRIT.

CHRIST LIVES OUT HIS LIFE THROUGH US BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO LIVES WITHIN OUR BODIES. IT IS NOT BY THE MEANS OF IMITATION THAT WE ABIDE IN CHRIST AND WALK AS HE WALKED. NO, IT IS THROUGH INCARNATION; THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, CHRIST LIVETH

IN ME . TO WALK IN THE LIGHT IS TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT AND NOT FULFILL THE LUST OF THE FLESH. ( GAL 5 VS 16 )

GOD HAS MADE PROVISIONS FOR US IN THESE WAYS TO CONQUER SIN. WE CAN NEVER LOSE OR CHANGE THE SIN NATURE THAT WE WERE BORN WITH ( I JOHN 1 VS 8 ), BUT WE NEED NOT OBEY ITS DESIRES. AS WE WALK IN THE LIGHT AND SEE SIN AS IT ACTUALLY IS, WE WILL HATE IT AND TURN FROM IT. AND IF WE SIN, WE IMMEDIATELY CONFESS IT TO GOD AND CLAIM HIS CLEANSING. BY DEPENDING ON THE POWER OF THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT, WE ABIDE IN CHRIST AND WALK AS HE WALKED.

WHEN DOES WALKING IN THE LIGHT DISCONTINUE ?

- A. **ACT A PART**
- B. **TO PRETEND**
- C. **IMPRESS OTHERS** - WE STEP OUT OF THE LIGHT

THE LIFE THAT IS REAL CAN NOT BUILD ON THINGS THAT ARE DECEPTIVE. BEFORE WE CAN WALK IN THE LIGHT WE MUST :

- A. **KNOW OURSELVES**
- B. **ACCEPT OURSELVES**
- C. **YIELD OURSELVES TO GOD**

ALL THIS EXPLAINS WHY WALKING IN THE LIGHT MAKES LIFE SO MUCH EASIER AND HAPPIER. WHEN YOU WALK IN THE LIGHT, YOU LIVE TO PLEASE ONLY ONE PERSON- GOD. THIS REALLY SIMPLIFIES THINGS, JESUS SAID “ I ALWAYS DO THOSE THINGS THAT PLEASES HIM ( JOHN 8 VS 29) WE OUGHT TO WALK TO PLEASE GOD ( I THESS 4 VS 1 ).

- IF WE LIVE TO PLEASE OURSELVES AND GOD – WE ARE TRYING TO SERVE TWO MASTERS AND THIS NEVER WORKS
- IF WE LIVE TO PLEASE MEN – WE WILL ALWAYS BE IN TROUBLE, BECAUSE NO TWO MEN WILL AGREE AND WE WILL FIND OURSELVES CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE
- WHEN WE LIVE TO PLEASE GOD IT
  - A. **SIMPLIFIES OUR GOALS**
  - B. **UNIFIES OUR LIVES**
  - C. **GIVES PEACE**

**CLOSE** : JOHN MAKES IT CLEAR THAT A LIFE THAT IS REAL HAS NO LOVE FOR SIN. INSTEAD OF TRYING TO COVER SIN A TRUE BELIEVER CONFESSES SIN AND TRIES TO CONQUER IT BY WALKING IN GOD’S LIGHT. HE IS NOT CONTENT WITH SIMPLY GOING TO HEAVEN, HE WANTS TO ENJOY THAT HEAVENLY LIFE RIGHT HERE AND NOW. “ AS HE IS “ SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD. HE IS CAREFUL TO MATCH HIS WALK WITH HIS TALK. HE DOES NOT TRY TO IMPRESS HIMSELF, GOD OR OTHER CHRISTIANS WITH A LOT OF PIOUS TALK.