

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

1 John 1:5-7
Lesson #2
Enlightened Walk
01/9/2022

Jesus

Matthew 6:22-23

“The lamp of the body is the eye;
if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness!”



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“In him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”



John 1:4-5

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“The disciple of Jesus needs more than light. He also needs sight. The blind man is not aided by light without sight.”



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LAST WEEK

1 John 1:3

“what we have **seen** and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have **fellowship** with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

The “**Great Mission**” of the church

- to foster “**fellowship**” with God
- to be the “**Body of Christ**”.

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What does “**fellowship**” with God mean?

1 John 1

“5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have **fellowship** with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not **practice the truth**; 7 but if we **walk in the light** as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, **and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**”

“**Fellowship**” with God is linked to “**walking in the light**” of Gospel truth
- the **Word and Way of the Cross.**

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1 Corinthians 1

“23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a **stumbling block** and to Gentiles **foolishness**, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the **power of God and the wisdom of God.**”

The light exposes both the fear and faith of the human heart.

John 3

“20 For everyone who **does** evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who **practices** the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.” 6

2 Corinthians 3

“4 And such **confidence we have through Christ toward God.** 5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, 6 who also made us adequate as servants of a **new covenant**, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”

We see that our fellowship with God is rooted in a new covenant “in Christ” not in ourselves.

Hebrews 3

“6 but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we **hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope** firm until the end. . . . 12 Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, **unbelieving heart**, that falls away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be **hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.** 14 For we have become partakers of Christ (*fellowship*), if we **hold fast the beginning of our assurance** firm until the end;”

Our “fellowship” with God stand on faith in Christ not on performance under the Law. 8

**What does it mean to “walk in the light”?
Take our baptism seriously**

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, **new things have come.**”

**seeing a new self “in Christ”
under a new covenant
having a new nature
living in a new kingdom
within a new family
with a new calling
and a new power.**

Walking in the Light



- Walking starts with **seeing** the glory of the Cross.
- Walking means = Taking our **baptism** seriously.
- Walking is easy if we **face** in the right **direction**.
- **calling + commitment** ➡ virtuous **conduct**.



A scholarship puts us on the team.

(Fellowship)

- Christ’s work **FOR** us
- passive righteousness
- justification
- redemption
- security



Performance defines our role and contribution.

(Fruitfulness)

- The Spirit’s work **THROUGH** us
- active righteousness
- sanctification
- self sacrifice
- significance



When a person gets a scholarship to play at N.C. it is not conditioned on future performance **but performance is expected.**

Those who get a scholarship strive to be worthy of their high calling.

They don't see how little they can get by with.

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Romans 12

“1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**”

Ephesians 2

“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 **not as a result of works**, that no one should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” 13

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- It's not what we “say” but what we “see”.
- It's not feeling “spiritual” but following the “**Word and Way of the Cross**”.

Paul makes this same point but in a different way.

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Ephesians 4

“20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you **lay aside the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and **put on the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”

Physical birth

Spiritual birth



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So what are we to learn from this passage?

1. If we claim to have fellowship with God we need to **walk in the light** - live in the domain of Christ's Cross and Spirit, by grace.
2. “**Fellowship**” with God and “**walking in the light**” describe a spiritual posture.

Take our baptism seriously!

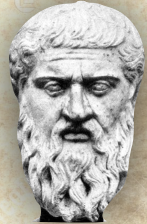
This will be developed in the following lessons.

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**When the Son shines
all other stars
are hard to see.**

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“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.” **Plato**



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1 John

Next week 1:8-10

Owning our sin and God's grace



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Current Lesson: 2 Peter (2021 Series)

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A bishop then must be ... apt to teach 1 Timothy 3:2

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