

## THE MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

### **In the Light**

April 11-12, 2015

1 John 1:7 (All Verses from New International Version 1984)  
*... 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.*

INTRODUCTION: What drives my life?

- 1 John 1:5 *This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.*

#### **Walk in Light**

1. Lifestyle: Follow the pathway God has for your life with others and God.

- 1 John 1:6 *If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.*
- 1 John 1:7 *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, purifies us from all sin.*

2. Warning: What's inside, gets out: Confess and be made clean.

- 1 John 1:8 *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.*

- 1 John 1:10 *If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.*
  
- 1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*
  
- 3. Gift: Light is from what God has done for all people to make us right with God and others.
  
- 1 John 2:1 *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*
  
- 1 John 2:2 *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

CONCLUSION: Leave the Trash Behind.

Maximize: Maximum Joy

1. Daily Lectio Divina – Divine Reading through 1 John.
2. Weekend Worship & Messages
3. Weekly Life Group and/or Personal Study

# G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from today's message:

Get each day's GPS downloaded to your computer/phone/etc. by going to this link <http://www.clcm-gps.com/> or subscribing through Feedly.com (or other RSS Reader) to receive daily updates.

**Monday:** Read *1 John 1:5*. In what way is God similar to light? In what way are we similar to darkness? What does that mean for our relationship with God? Why is light key to John's message to us?

**Tuesday:** Read *1 John 1:6-7*. What does a person walking in the light still need from Jesus? What do you need from Jesus today?

**Wednesday:** Read *1 John 1:7*. How important is fellowship with other believers to you? How does that fellowship happen in your life? What are some steps you could take to grow in this area of your life with God and others?

**Thursday:** Read *1 John 1:8-10*. Why confess our sins? What is the result if we or if we don't confess? How is confession of sin part of your daily life? How might this spiritual habit grow in your life?

**Friday:** Read *1 John 2:1-2*. What difference does it make that you have an Advocate (Jesus) with the Father? What area of life do you need Jesus to intercede for you with God? Why?

**Saturday:** Read *1 John 1:5-2:2*. How does John avoid being too lenient with sin? How does he avoid being too severe with sinners? How do you maintain such a balance in your life?

### Going Deeper

Book: *Forgive & Forget* by Lewis Smedes

Begin practicing Lectio Divina on this week's readings (pick up handout or access on our web site)

Fellowship Practice: Sign up for a Life Group!