Walking In Darkness

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Bible Texts: 1 John 1:5–10

Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, thank You for all You have done for us, for Your mighty works in our lives, for Your grace and mercy, because You have been so good to us and our families, we say thank You Father, be Thou exalted in the name of Jesus, We ask and pray today that You speak to us again Your words of life, use Your minister beyond measure and let all the glory be Yours alone in Jesus Christ's mighty name. Amen.

Introduction

Today's study is a critical one that calls for us to dig deeply to see mysteries that are embedded in the Word of God. God is set to ignite His fire in the heart of many who might have been lost and are seeking to find their way back to the place of the cross. This is why I would love everyone to read this teaching carefully, not minding the distraction that Satan may want to cause them, for the Lord is set to transform and liberate souls today.

Bible Texts: 1 John 1:5–10

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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

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

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Study

The first thing we should understand is that there are no new gospels. There is no new message to be preached, which is to save mankind. If anyone says there is a new message that shows any way other than the one that has been shown in the past, then such want to lay a new foundation. And no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 3:11 (KJV)** — "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Today, many have started teaching and preaching another gospel, another

message, other than that which was heard from the Lord Jesus Christ. And they are leading many away from the true Christ to false christs. When messages are not of the Lord Jesus Christ, then they point to the false Christ the Lord talked about in **Mark 13:22 (KJV)** — "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect." John made it clear that the message they heard from the Lord Jesus Christ is one, and it is declared to them. And that message is that God is light and in Him there is no darkness. **1 John 1:5 (KJV)** — "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

If you look into **1 John 3:11 (KJV),** you will see John saying that the message is love, and it can make one begin to wonder if these are the same. "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." The truth is that they are the same in the sense that they fulfill the same purpose. When we say God said that we should love one another, just as He has said from the beginning, He shows God's loving nature, and that nature is pure and leads men to Himself—just as He is light, and that light comes into the world to lead men to Himself. **John 1:9 (KJV)** — That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Therefore, the message did not change, but only served the same purpose, which is to lead men to God.

John says God is light. What does this mean? It means that God is the one that makes things visible. This therefore implies that:
– God exposes evils
– God enlightens
– God informs
– God brings knowledge
– God illuminates
– God makes things clear
– God leads the way and shows the way
– God sets the tone and atmospheric conditions of our lives
– God is a flame
– God is a fire
– God is gentle
– God moves swiftly and nimbly.

Whenever there is darkness and light comes, the atmosphere changes. People tend to rejoice because light does not make one to stumble. **Isaiah 9:2 KJV** The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. What Isaiah saw was a very disturbing revelation because of the darkness, but thank

God that light came. The darkness the people walked in was so thick that a great light had to shine to evade it. The darkness meant that they dwelt in the land of the shadow of death. It was indeed a serious matter because the opposite of light is darkness, and darkness has nothing good to do in the life of a man. John says in God there is no darkness at all. What does this darkness mean?

It means the absence of light. It is to be dark in shade or color. We must agree that Satan is the custodian of darkness because:

– Darkness is evil.
– Darkness brings depression.
– Darkness means gloominess.
– Darkness means lack of knowledge.
– It is lack of enlightenment.
– Darkness is shady.
– It is secretive.
– Darkness is dangerous.
– It is blindness.
– It is bad.
– It is sinful.
– It is unholy.
– It is defilement.
– It is a stain.

Whatsoever is full of darkness is not of God. **1 John 1:6 (KJV)** — "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth."If we have fellowship with God, we take Him as our Father. We commune with Him. We dwell in His presence and walk in darkness, then our fellowship, service, and walk with Him is false against our claim. For no man who says he knows the Lord, no man who says he is of God, would walk in ways alien to Him. Since there is no darkness in Him, if we then walk in darkness, then we lie. And in this we condemn ourselves like Satan, who does not abide in the truth but is the father of lies.

Not only do we lie, but we do not practice the truth. When a man lies about his fellowship with God and walks in darkness as a proof of the lie he has said, such do not practice the truth—for such lie alone is a proof of the kind of person he is. Jesus is the truth, and in Him there is no lie found. How then can we say that we know Him, and enjoy lies, and enjoy darkness? We should know that since darkness conceals, and there is nothing good in it, we should have nothing to do with it.

John 8:12 (KJV) — "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." If anyone is living in darkness, it shows that such a person

does not know Christ. Jesus says that those who follow Him will not walk in darkness. There are ways one can know that he is not walking in the light, but in darkness. I will mention some of them now.

– When you have not genuinely surrendered your life to Jesus Christ,
– When you cannot say it boldly that you are following the footsteps of Christ,
– When there are some secret things you do in the dark which people must not see,
– When you still consult herbalists, witches and necromancers, you are walking in deep darkness.
– When you no longer feel sorry for your sins, then you have started walking in darkness.
– When you belong to any occult group or society, you are walking in darkness.
– When you deviate from the truth of the gospel,
– When you begin to have fellowship with unbelievers,
– When you begin to compromise your stand for righteousness,
– When you masturbate and watch pornography,
– When you hate your brother either biologically or in Christ,
– When you find it easy to tell lies,
– When you fornicate and commit adultery and refuse to change,

– When you romance outside marriage,
– When you begin to avoid messages that talk about sin, judgment and repentance,
– When the message you now preach is different from the one that was preached right from the beginning by the Lord and His apostles,
– When you dishonor God's servants,
– When you hate to be corrected,
– When you see other people's sins and mistakes without seeing your own,
– When you find it comfortable to sit in ungodly places,
– When your hands are not clean,
– When your heart is polluted,
– When you allow greed to thrive in your heart,
– When your lips are defiled,
– When unholy anger still dwells in your heart,
– When you still have those whom you have vowed never to forgive and refuse to forgive them,
– When you flatter people in order to take advantage of them,
– When you flirt with your tongue,
– When you dress immorally,
– When you are worldly,
– When you complain that the church service is getting too prolonged that you have better things to do somewhere else,
– When you hate the truth and the preacher of it,

– When you are diabolical,

This and many others is a proof that you are walking in darkness and you are not of God and you are heading towards destruction. **1 John 1:7 KJV** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we walk in the light, he said, this means that it is a matter of choice. Everyone has the ability of choosing the path he wants to walk, be it the path of darkness or the path of light. He makes it clear that those who walk in the light, the way of Christ, is in the light, have fellowship with one another, that is, they are of the same substance, in the same family, and are not bastards, or a stain in the face of God's children. And what makes it so is that the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, cleanses us from all sins, not some.

This means that for every walk of darkness that has been mentioned and the ones not mentioned, the blood of Jesus has the power to cleanse from all of them, only if such would seek for it truthfully. But those that would claim innocence, even as this is made clear to them, choosing to deceive themselves, would make Him a liar. Whoever would then make God a liar would find himself to blame.

1 John 1:8-10 KJV If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

God wants to forgive us only if we would confess those evil things we have done. He is faithful and just. He knows our weaknesses, and He wants to save, He wants to cleanse us, only if we would admit it. Would you come to Him today to redirect your steps to the path of light, which is His own way, and depart from the way of darkness? Why should you continue in darkness when Christ the light is made available to you?

It is dangerous to continue treading the path of darkness, as it can finish a man at the end. The endpoint of that path is evil:

- Destruction

- Weeping

- Regrets

- Isolation

- Chains

- Torment

- Gnashing of teeth

- Sorrow

- Depression

- Dejection

- Hunger and thirst

- Everlasting fire

- Terror

- Fear

This is why you must embrace the light and forsake every way of darkness, that you might escape for your soul, the path we choose to walk is not without eternal consequence. Darkness is not just a condition; it is a realm, a domain ruled by Satan, filled with sin, deception,

and destruction. But God, in His mercy, has made a way of escape—the path of light, which is Christ Jesus. He is calling us out of every secret sin, every hidden rebellion, every dark corner of our hearts, into His marvelous light. Do not delay your decision. To walk in the light is to walk in truth, in love, in purity, and in fellowship with the Father and with the brethren. The light exposes, but it also heals. It rebukes, but it also restores. Jesus does not condemn the one who genuinely repents, but He cleanses, transforms, and empowers.

Let today be your turning point. Confess those hidden works of darkness. Cry out to the Lord for mercy. Allow the blood of Jesus to wash you and the Spirit of God to lead you. The time is short, and the days are evil. Do not let darkness swallow your destiny. Choose the light. Choose life. Choose Jesus—before it is too late.

This is the end of today's teaching, have a wonderful day ahead

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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