

1 John 1.5-2.6
Fellowship with God
(Part 1, 1.5-1.10)

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

1 John 1:5

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

2 Corinthians 4.6

It is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 3.18

We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 John 1:6

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice 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 Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:8

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

1 John 1:9

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

1 John 1:10

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

The Three Errors

<i>Verse</i>	<i>If we say...</i>	<i>It shows we...</i>	<i>And it shows...</i>
7	we have fellowship with God, but walk in darkness	are lying	we do not practice the truth
8	we have no sin	deceive ourselves	the truth is not in us
10	we have not sinned	make God a liar	His word is not in us

Instead...

<i>Verse</i>	<i>If we...</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Result</i>
7	walk in the light	we have fellowship with one another	the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin
9	confess our sins	God forgives us	God cleanses us

Questions?
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