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Introduction

This booklet is Part 3 of **“Walk in the Light.”** For those who have not read Parts 1 & 2, it would be very helpful if they would get a copy and read them first. The information in Parts 1 & 2 is very important to understanding this Part 3. Parts 1 & 2 can be downloaded freely from our Web sites, at:

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In 1 John 1:7 it says, **“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.”** Why is it so important that we have fellowship with God?

In the Epistle of 1 John, it is talking about having fellowship with God. The world does not have this fellowship with God. Only Christians can have this fellowship with God.

What many people do not understand is that **“...God is Love”** (1 John 4:8). In 1 John 4:8 it says, **“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”** The Greek word for “love” used in this verse is “agape.” Agape, in the Greek is talking about the love of God. The world does not have the love of God in them. Only Christians have the love of God in them. This “love” is the first of the fruit of the Spirit which is given to Christians when they are born again of the Spirit of God and the Word of God. Galatians 5:22,23 says, **“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,...Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”**

When we walk in “the love of God” we have **“...righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit”** (Rom. 14:17). This is because the kingdom of God is **“...righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.”** Christians who do not walk in the light “as God is in the light” will not experience **“...righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.”**

God is love, and God wants all His children to experience His **“...righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.”** But, to experience God’s **“...righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit,”** Christians must walk in the love of God.

Look in 1 John 1:4-6, and see the importance of walking in the light. In 1 John 1:4 it says, **“And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”** Verse four explains why it is so important to understand verses five and six. To have our joy full, we must understand what it is talking about in 1 John 1:5,6, where it says, **“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 we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.”**

If Christians walk in darkness they cannot have fellowship with God, for **“...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”** This is very important to understand, for without fellowship with God, Satan will control our lives. If Satan is in control of our lives, where will we end up when we leave this earth? We should consider the end results of what will happen to Christians who do not have fellowship with God.

Fellowship with God is very important in this life. In writing to the seven Churches in Asia, we are told how that Jesus, will return and judge the Churches and the Pastors of the Churches according to all that is written in the Scriptures.

Notice in Revelation 3:4,5 there were only **“a few”** in the Church of Sardis that “would not” have their names blotted out of the Book of Life. What about the rest of those in the Church of

Sardis? What would happen to them?

The same Apostle John, who wrote the Gospel of John, also wrote the Epistles of John, and the book of Revelation. If we believe the Gospel of John, then we should also believe the Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation.

Let us learn from the Epistles of John, how to walk in the light as God is in the light. Then we can have fellowship with God and live in “...**righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit**” (Rom. 14:17).

WALK IN THE LIGHT

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding among Christians today concerning “sin and righteousness.” Therefore it is important to understand that “Christians do have sin in their lives.” Even though Jesus took all our sins and iniquities upon Himself and paid the price for us, that does not mean Christians are without sin. What it does mean is that by Grace, Christians can have their sins washed away by the Blood of the Lamb, “if they continue in true fellowship with God.” But, if Christians walk in darkness, their sins will remain.

Christians can only be cleansed from all sin “by walking in the light” as God is in the light. In 1 John 1:8-10 it says, “**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness...If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**”

Until Christians understand the importance of walking in the light, Satan will have an advantage over them. Christians can easily be taken in the snare of the Devil, by not knowing the truth of the Word of God, concerning the blood of Jesus Christ, and how it sets us free, “when we walk in the light” as God is in the light.

Many Christians today are praying and praying, and even having others pray for them and their prayers are not being answered. God is not obligated to answer the prayers of Christians who are not walking in the light. There is no in-between. When Christians are not walking in the light, they are walking in darkness. When Christians are walking in darkness they are actually having fellowship with Satan (who is the ruler of the darkness of this world).

Jesus said, “**No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon**” (Matt. 6:24). In Romans 6:16 it says, “**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**”

What will be the end results if Christians continue to walk in darkness? Christians need to study the Scriptures and make sure they understand the covenant we have with God through Jesus Christ. Christians need to understand “the blood of Jesus Christ,” and what it does for those “who walk in the light” and what it does not do for those who walk in darkness.

Let us go to 1 John 2:1,2, where it says, “**My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous...And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins**

of the whole world.”

The Blood of Jesus Christ and the Grace of God are here for those “who walk in the light.” If we walk in the light and we miss the mark, “**...we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**” An advocate is someone who will present our case before the Father on our behalf. This is Grace, for those who are walking in the light, and miss the mark. According to 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.**”

There could be a misunderstanding among some Christians, thinking confession of their sins cleanses us from all sin. Jesus said, “**...repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem**” (Luke 24:47). Confession alone without repentance does not seem to be what Jesus taught. To the seven Churches in Asia Jesus kept saying “**Repent,**” not just “confess.”

If you will notice in 1 John 2:2, it said, “**And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**” If repentance was not necessary then the whole world would be saved and everyone would go to heaven. But anyone studying their Scriptures knows that is not going to happen. Jesus said, “**Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat...Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it**” (Matt. 7:13,14). If only a few will enter into heaven, then it does not seem the Blood of Jesus will cleanse the whole world, even when it was shed for the whole world.

Therefore, it is important to understand what it means by having fellowship with God and walking in the light as God is in the light. In 1 John 2:3,4 it says, “**And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments...He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**”

Jesus gave us commandments that we should keep. If we do not keep His commandments and we say we know God, then we are a liar and the truth is not in us. If the truth is not in us, then what is in us? Evidently, what is in those who do not walk in the light is a liar, and Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44). It seems that “just as Christians got in Christ by receiving Him, they could also get out of Christ by receiving the father of lies into their lives.” Many Christians do not want to believe this, but it would be better to walk in the light and keep up our fellowship with God than to take a chance by not walking in the light.

Therefore, 1 John 2:5,6 says, “**But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him...He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**” The First Epistle of John keeps talking about “the love of God.” It is important that the love of God abides in us.

For the love of God to abide in us, “we must walk in the light as God is in the light.” In 1 John 2:15-17 it says, “**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him...For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**”

When studying the Scriptures, it is important to understand all that is said in the verses we are studying. One of the greatest mistakes many Christians make in studying the Scriptures is not

considering the opposite of what is said. Take for instance where it says, **“...but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”** What about those who do not do the will of God? Will they still abide with God forever? It does not say they will. It implies that only those who do the will of God will abide for ever.

Look at what Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”** Is what it says in Matthew 7:21 any different than what it says in 1 John 2:17? It seems they both agree and are speaking of the same subject (eternal life in heaven).

What is the main subject of 1 John 2:15-17 talking about? It is talking about **“who do we love more, the world or God”?** We could say, it is talking about who do we serve, the world or God?

If the love of the Father is not in us, what will happen with our fellowship with God? Can we still have fellowship with God if the love of God the Father is not in us?

Look at what Jesus said in Revelation 2:4,5, **“Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love...Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”** Jesus said, if the Church does not “repent,” He will **“...come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place...”**

It sure looks like it is important that we keep the love of God the Father alive in us at all times. This cannot be done without fellowship with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Let me tell you what happened in my life in 1979. This could help you to understand why I also believe it is important to keep up our fellowship with God the Father and Jesus Christ, His Son.

Shortly after I received Jesus as my LORD and Savior, I experienced a wonderful supernatural manifestation of the power of God in my life. I had just received the LORD into my life on a Thursday evening. The following Sunday, in the afternoon, I was sitting on my davenport, watching television. I just wanted to relax for a while after finishing the noon meal.

As I sat on the davenport, all of a sudden I found myself standing in the clouds above the earth. I looked down on the earth below and saw all the property I owned. I saw people in the Olympics, diving from a high tower into a pool below, simply to receive a medal for their accomplishments. As I looked up from the cloud I was standing on, I saw a bright light shining down from above. I heard a voice say to me, *“All of this will pass away, the only thing that will matter is your relationship to Me.”* That voice I heard, I was sure it was the LORD speaking to me.

After I heard the voice, I was suddenly back in my body on the davenport in my living room. This experience took some time. For, while I was up in the clouds, my youngest son came into the house and asked for the keys to my vehicle, to get my tools to fix his bicycle. He told me, he first came in to ask me for the keys, but he could not awake me. So, knowing I would not mind him using the tools in my vehicle, he took the keys out of my pocket. Then he went and got the tools. When he came back into the house to give me the keys back, he said, he still could not awake me. So, he put the keys back into my pocket and went out to work on his bicycle.

After I came back into my body, I saw my two sons working on their bicycles and I wondered, how did they get the tools out of my vehicle? After asking them, that is when my youngest son told me, he could not awake me to ask me for the keys, and later, he could not awake me to tell me he had the tools.

God is a personal God to every one of His Children. God does everything He can to help,

guide, comfort, lead, and teach us. The Holy Spirit is our personal teacher, sent from the Father and the Son to teach us all things. When God looks at our heart, and our willingness to do His will, He will sometimes go to the extremes that we will know and follow His will for our lives.

God's will is that none are lost. But it is up to us (individually), if we will do His will. God is love, and will not force anyone to do His will.

If we are to walk in the light as He is in the light, it must be our will to do so. If we love the world and the things of this world more than we love God the Father, there is nothing God can do to keep us from walking in darkness.

In 1 John 2:18,19 it says, **“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time...They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.”**

This subject of the antichrist is much too large to go into details at this time in this Mini-book. We will get into it in some detail later when we get into 1 John 4:1-7. Yet, in short at this time it is important to notice, it does not say “anti-Jesus,” but rather “antichrist.”

Some believe and teach that the word “antichrist” means “against the Messiah (Who is Jesus Christ).” They could be right in one respect, but we must also consider the subject matter of 1 John 2:17 through 1 John 2:29. Included in the subject of the antichrist is the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which is the Holy Spirit Himself (1 John 2:27). Therefore, the word “antichrist” could also be speaking of many spirits coming against “the anointing of the Holy Spirit.”

In 1 John 2:20, it says, **“But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.”** The words **“...an unction from the Holy One...”** are speaking of “an anointing.” The anointing is the Holy Spirit. Christians need to be anointed with the Holy Spirit the same as Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit. Acts 10:38 says, **“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”** This is the same anointing that Christians should have. It is very possible that the antichrist spirits are against this anointing.

Jesus spoke of the purpose for this anointing when He said in John 14:26, **“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”** This anointing is spoken of very clearly in 1 John 2:27 where it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

It is very clear in 1 John 2:27 that the Apostle John is talking about the Holy Spirit abiding in Christians. It is also very clear that the Holy Spirit is to be our teacher, not men.

Therefore, if Christians are to walk in the light, as God is in the light, they need more than just the Word of God, they also need the anointing of the Holy Spirit abiding in them, to teach them all things. It seems the antichrist spirits are against the anointing, by which God teaches us all things.

I do not believe a Christian can walk in the light, as God is in the light, without the anointing of the Holy Spirit abiding in them. This is my honest opinion considering all that the New Testament teaches concerning “the Kingdom of God.” I cannot see how that Christians can be “led by the Holy

Spirit” without the anointing of the Holy Spirit abiding in them. Yet, Romans 8:14 says, **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”**

For some reason, the New Covenant speaks a lot about being led by the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 5:18 it says, **“But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.”** This seems to imply that we must be led by the Holy Spirit to be free of the Law, which could not justify anyone (Acts 13:38,39).

At the same time, Galatians 5:16,17 tells us, **“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh...For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other...”**

For some reason or other, it seems we must walk in the Spirit if we are to walk in the light as God is in the light. Galatians 5:25 says, **“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”** Then in Galatians 6:7,8 it says, **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap...For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”**

Do Christians truly want to **“...reap life everlasting?”** If we do, then this is how we do it. We need to **“sow to the Spirit, and walk after the Spirit.”**

In the Old Testament it was not possible for “every individual” to walk after the Spirit. The Spirit was not given to every individual in the Old Testament. Only the Priests, Prophets, and Kings had the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Even at that, the anointing they had was not the same as the anointing of the Holy Spirit we have in the New Covenant.

Jesus spoke a lot about the anointing of the Holy Spirit, but He could not teach his disciples at that time on how to be led by the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit was not yet given (John 7:37,39). But, Jesus did tell His disciples in Acts 1:4,5,8 (after He arose again from the dead), that they should receive the Holy Spirit.

All the time Jesus was teaching on **“the kingdom of God”** He was talking about the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant. It is the Holy Spirit that causes all things that are of God to manifest in the New Covenant.

Therefore, in 1 John 2:18-29 it is speaking of the anointing of the Holy Spirit, which all Christians should receive. It seems the antichrist spirits are against the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

At this time, let me give a little example of the anointing of the Holy Spirit within us, and how the anointing helps us, and teaches us.

There was a time that I had a growth on my finger. It was there and growing for about two weeks. One day, I was “praying in the Spirit,” while driving down the road, and out of my spirit came these words, **“Why don’t you curse the roots on that growth and command it to die and fall off”?** I immediately cursed the roots in Jesus’ name and commanded them to die and the growth to fall off.

It seemed as though nothing happened when I prayed. The growth was still there. I couldn’t see any change. For weeks I continued to change the band-aid I had been putting on it to protect it. One thing I noticed after a week or so, was that it wasn’t getting any larger. It stayed about the same size.

About a month later, as I was changing the band-aid, the growth fell off. It come off with the band-aid when I removed it to put on a new one. The words I spoke that day (while driving down the road), caused the growth to die. It did fall off after about a month. There was not even a mark

where it had been.

It was “the anointing of the Holy Spirit within me” that helped me overcome that growth on my finger. It was out of my spirit that the words came “*Why don't you curse the roots on that growth and command it to die and fall off*”?

What came from my spirit agreed with the written Word of God. Whenever the Holy Spirit brings something to us from our spirit it will agree with the written Word of God. What God teaches us in His Word can be used by the Holy Spirit to help us when we need help.

If we do not have the anointing within us, then we hinder the Holy Spirit from helping us when we need help. This is in every area of our lives. We need the Written Word of God “to walk in the light” as God is in the light. We also need the anointing of the Holy Spirit within us to teach us all things. The anitchrist spirits are against the Anointed One and against the anointing within Christians.

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