

*From Where I Sit . . .*

## **ARE YOU WALKING IN THE LIGHT?**

Walking In The Light is tantamount to walking in Jesus, walking with Jesus, doing what Jesus would have us to do. Friends, if we're not walking in the light, there are some very serious consequences. The obvious one is that we lose fellowship with one another and with the blood of Christ. Fellowship is contingent on walking in the light. "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" (1 John 1:7).

A flashlight at night, a beacon in the dark, a search light for the lost, all show us the importance of being in the light. Our lives often hinge on it. Light is necessary for growth. The plant kingdom reminds us of this very graphically. This makes the text of John 1:4 all the more meaningful to us when we realize: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. . ."

Our Theme Question is: ARE YOU WALKING IN THE LIGHT??? The initial response might be: "Well, yes, I believe in God, and Christ," or "I may not be coming to church like I should, but I haven't give up my personal relationship with the Lord," or "I hope so."

What about a resounding, "Yes! I walk with Him as closely as I possibly can by reading His Word every day, by praying for His wisdom and direction, and by heeding His words of counsel. Plus I stay as far away from the evil one as I can.

Most children when called upon to sing a "big people's" song out of the hymn book select "Trust and Obey." "When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word, what a glory he sheds on our way. While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will Trust and Obey." That's the key: To know that we're walking in the light of Jesus, we must Trust and Obey!!!

Friends, It's Impossible To Walk In The Light And In Darkness At the Same Time: "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 (John 8:12).

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

How can it be said that we are walking in the light when we have to be begged to attend worship services? When we don't attend Bible classes at all? When we say to the elders or preacher, "Show me in the Bible where I HAVE to "go to church" on Sunday nights. When we have no prayer life other than at meals and perhaps when some great tragedy strikes and we happen to think of God? When we don't find time to read the Bible which is a road map to heaven? When we selfishly hold back from God, the fruits of our labors, both monetarily in cheerful giving, and in bearing precious fruit for him through our influence and teaching? When we sneak around behind the church and our families to drink, curse, read porno, go to filthy movies, dress immodestly? When we don't love the Lord enough to stand up for Him in discussions with friends? When we have no compassion on those the Lord was moved with compassion for? When we have hate in our hearts for our fellowman? Are you -- am I -- walking in the light?

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