

FIRST JOHN

Signs of Fellowship // 1 John 1:5-2:2

The Nature of God

1. God is LIGHT (1:5)
2. God is LOVE (4:8)
3. God is LIFE (5:11)

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*"⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all."*

God is light = God is holy

"⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."

Just because someone "professes" something doesn't mean that they truly "possess" it.

If you live willfully/habitually in a **pattern** of sin you do not know God.

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*"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 cleanses us from all sin."*

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

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

Some will...

- **Ignore** their sins
- **Justify** their sins
- **Redefine** their sins
- **Conceal** their sins
- **Blame** their sins

The more you **walk** in the light
the more **aware** you become of your own sin.

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

Those who know God **confess** their sins honestly.

"confess" –homologeo

"homo" = same

"lego" = to say

"to say the same"

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- **Advocate** (*parakletos* = comforter)—Defense Attorney

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- Advocate
- Atonement (propitiation = to appease the wrath of God)

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Our Response? Self-Examination

- Am I striving to walk in holiness?
- Am I confessing sin honestly?
- Am I resting in the finished work of Jesus?

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