

Second Law of Pardon

1 John 1

1 John 1 speaks to Christians

5: God is light

- In most fellowship failures, both sides are at fault
- Here, man alone

Six “ifs”

6: IF talk does not match walk

- Walk: way of life
- Profess fellowship but walk in darkness – profession is a lie

Six “ifs”

7: IF talk matches walk
fellowship, cleansing

- “Blood” – His death
- 1 John addresses believers who need cleansing of Lord’s blood. Jn.13:10

Six “ifs”

8: IF life and claim are not the same

- Easy to confess, “I made mistakes...long ago”
- What about present sins?
- Self-deception is common

“They who defend their sins will see in the great day whether their sins can defend them.”

- *Truth not in us* – worst lie is to ourselves.

Six “ifs”

9: IF we confess we are blessed

- “If I did anything wrong” is no confession.
 - He is faithful and just to forgive us.
 - He cleanses every iniquity.

Not alien sinner’s
cleansing (Ac.22:16)
but Christian’s

We cannot deny our
sin away.
We confess it...

Six “ifs”

10: IF we deny we make God lie

- Even after conversion, *make Him a liar*
- Climax of consequences (6, 8, 10)

We lie, do not practice truth (6)

Deceive ourselves, truth not in us (8)

Make Him a liar, His word not in us (10)

Six “ifs”

2:1: IF anyone sins he can begin again

- “If I’m going to sin anyway, why be so concerned about it?”
- God does not want us to commit ONE sin.

Avoid not only the habit,
but the single act.

The promise

2:1: we have an Advocate

- One who is called to someone's aid.
- Explains Hb.2:18

'For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.'

The promise

2:2: we have a Propitiation

- Expiation, appeasing, satisfaction.
- God appeases with the sacrifice that can cover the sin of the whole world. (1:7)
 - 5:19; Hb.2:9
 - OT: regularly of atonement / sacrifice...
 - “Our” = Christians

Propitiation extends as
widely as sin extends

I. We Must Walk In
The Light, 1:5-7

Light exists

- “Don’t push your morality on me.”
- “That may be truth for you, but not for me.”
- “Those aren’t my values.”
- “Who are you to judge?”
- “Everyone must do what is right for them.”

Light blesses

1. Calms us, Ac.26:18

...to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to **light**, & from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive **forgiveness** of sins & an **inheritance** among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

2. Cheers us, Col.1:13

He has **delivered** us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

I. We Must Walk In The Light, 1:5-7

II. How To Walk In
The Light – Synonyms

Learning to walk

- Ac.9:31, Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Learning to walk

- Ro.4:12, ...and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised

Learning to walk

- Ro.6:4, Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Learning to walk

- Ro.8:4, That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Learning to walk

- 2 Co.5:7, For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Learning to walk

- Ep.2:10, For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Learning to walk

- Ep.5:2, And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Learning to walk

- Ep.5:8, For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Learning to walk

- 1 Jn.2:6, He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Learning to walk

- 2 Jn.4, I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received a commandment from the Father...
- 2 Jn.6, This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

Learning to walk – Summary

- Fear of Lord
- Steps of Abraham
- Newness of life
- According to the Spirit
- By faith
- Good works
- In love
- As children of light
- As He walked

Walk in truth /
commandments

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II. How To Walk In The Light – Synonyms

**III. We Must Trust
Lord's Forgiveness**

If we don't trust His forgiveness....

1. We deny power of His blood (7)

a. "Blood" – Hb.2:14

b. "But I have sinned..." – 8, 10,
contradiction? No: v.9.

1) David, Ps.51: sin, guilt, forgiveness,
then self-forgiveness.

2) Saul, sinned without repentance

'Some people change their ways when they see
the light, others only when they feel the heat.'

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1) Peter, Mt.26 ... Ac.2. (Jn.21) 1 Pt.1:2

2) Judas, Mt.26-27 ... sin, guilt, remorse

3) Paul, Ph.3:12-13 = 1 Jn.1

4) Acts 2:38 – 8:21-23; 1 Jn.1:9; Ja.5:16

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For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.

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 - b. Hb.7:25 –

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

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 - b. Zec.3:1-5
 - 1) God appeared unjust.
 - 2) Ro.3:25

Defense lawyers: extenuating circumstances

Our Advocate admits our guilt...