

**The Epistles of John and Jude**  
**I John 1:5-10 Questions**  
**Lesson 3 Walking in the Light**

**Review I John 1:1-4**

Summarize the main teaching in the opening verses.

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What did John express to be the main goal of the epistle? (vs 3-4)

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Why was it so important for John to emphasize that he was an eyewitness?

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**Read I John 1:5-10**

1. In verse 5, John proclaims the basic message he and the other apostles had learned from Jesus. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The symbols of light and darkness are familiar subjects throughout all of Scripture. In fact, going back to Genesis 1 we observe the first words God ever spoke had to do with light. At a basic level how would you define light? What is its purpose? What does it do? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Describe the basic relationship in nature between light and life. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Now use the following verses to describe in spiritual terms how light and life are connected. John 1:1-14, John 8:12 \_\_\_\_\_

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5. MacArthur summarizes the complex teaching of light in Scripture as follows:

“Scripture reveals two fundamental principles that flow from the foundational truth that God is light. First, light represents the truth of God as embodied in His Word. (Psalm 119:105, 130, Proverbs 6:23, 2 Peter 1:19) The light and life of God are inherently characterized by truth. Second, Scripture also links light with virtue and moral conduct. (Eph. 5:8-9, Isaiah 5:20, Rom. 13:12) Those two essential properties of divine light and life are crucial in distinguishing genuine faith from a counterfeit claim. If one professes to possess the Light and to dwell in it- to have received eternal life- he will show evidence of spiritual life by his devotion to truth and to righteousness.” With this in mind, we see in verse 6 that John begins to address the first of three deceptive claims people often make who falsely profess to have fellowship with God. Summarize the first false claim. Why is it wrong? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What does Scripture mean when it says to “walk in the light?” What does this manner of life demonstrate? What is it not? ( Psalm 1, Prov. 4:10-15, I John 1:8, 2:9-10)\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Why do you think John chose to emphasize the value of fellowship with one another (vs 7, and 3-4) when he could have chosen to focus solely on the individual aspect of fellowship with God? (John 8:35, 17:17-23)\_\_\_\_\_

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8. Why should we reject the notion that personal sin only affects the individual? ( I Cor 5:6, 12:12-26) \_\_\_\_\_

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9. In verses 8 and 10 John addresses the last of two deceptive claims that people often make who falsely claim to have fellowship with God. What are they? Can you tell how they are different from each other? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Why will genuine fellowship with God always include an awareness of one's spiritual bankruptcy and a lifestyle of confession and repentance? (vs 9) In what ways is the faithfulness of God revealed through this process? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Fill in the following with truths gleaned from today's verses:

True Christians are those who:

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Counterfeit Christians are those who:

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God is someone who:

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