

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

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1 John 1:5-10 (NASB95)

- 5 ¶ This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light**, and in Him there is **no darkness** at all.
- 6 If we say that we have **fellowship with Him** and yet **walk in the darkness**, we lie and do not practice the truth;
- 7 but if we **walk in the Light** as **He Himself is in the Light**, we have **fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- 8 ¶ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and righteous to **forgive us our sins** and to **cleanse us** from all unrighteousness.
- 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Verse 5

¶ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light <5457phos>**, and in him is no **darkness <4653 skotia>** at all.

Review Definitions of Light and Darkness (Exegesis Handout)

5457 phos (foce);

Light - Seen and Known

4653 skotia (skot-ee'-ah);

Darkness – Ignorance, Not Knowing

Review Exegesis: Light & Darkness

What is Light? What is Darkness?

THIS THEN IS THE MESSAGE: This is John referencing to the key points established in verses 1-4, that John and the other Apostles and disciples of Jesus testify to and are eyewitnesses of ETERNAL LIFE (v2) FELLOWSHIP (V3) and JOY (v4)

WHICH WE HAVE HEARD FROM HIM; through Jesus, Son of the Living God. This is a first-hand testimony directly from Jesus

AND DECLARE TO YOU, THAT GOD IS LIGHT; God is Light, such who walk in the Light shall have communion with him, and others shall not: of Messiah Jesus, who has declared The Father and that He, Jesus and the Father are one and that The **Father is LIGHT**, the **PHOS**, the **REVEALER, SEEN, KNOWN**, that in whom there is **NO DARKNESS, skotia (skot-ee'-ah); No trace of IGNORANCE, God is OMNICIENT, all knowing, the revealer of all truth, holiness, goodness, righteousness and love.** God is the ETERNAL LIGHT without any mixture of darkness; that is a pure Spirit, and must be worshipped in a spiritual way; and that only spiritual worshippers are such as he seeks, and admits to communion, FELLOWSHIP with Him.

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Jesus is one with the Father and therefore is the LIGHT of the World, Revealer of The Father to the World as one with first-hand knowledge of the Father and His testimony of the Father to the world and the testimony of Jesus Himself is true for Jesus is LIGHT as the Father is LIGHT.

Jesus is the FULL and EXPRESSED image of the invisible God, inasmuch that whomsoever has seen the Son has seen the Father also. Therefore, if the One is Light, the Other must be likewise. There is none who come to the Father, enjoy FELLOWSHIP with the Father, EXCEPT THROUGH JESUS. God the Father, as distinguished from "Him", Christ, (John 1:8, 9:5) of whom they had heard this message, and from Jesus Christ his Son, 1John 1:7, what is declared of him, agreeably to the report of Christ, is that He is "LIGHT"; that is, the LIGHT of REVELATION as opposed to the DARKNESS OF IGNORANCE of spiritual truth;

God is truth. He is wise and knowing; he knows himself, his own nature, being, and perfections, his Son and Spirit, and their distinct modes of subsisting; he sees clearly all things in himself, all things he could do, or has determined that which shall be done; He has perfect knowledge of all creatures and things, and the darkness and the light are alike unto him, the former cannot hide from him ... the latter is Him. The Father and Jesus are therefore BOTH KNOWABLE.

Father and Son are knowable; Discernable ... clothed in LIGHT, dwelling in LIGHT and made know by the LIGHT ... JESUS. Both The Father and Jesus may be known by the works of creation; providence; the invisible things of Him, His eternal power and Godhead, may be clearly seen and understood by them, and especially in his word, and most clearly in his Son.

Darkness of men, and not to any in and about God, who is Light, that The Father is so little known as He is: and, like the light, Jesus illuminates others to know the Father in and by knowing Him; He is the Father of Light, the author and giver of all light; of the light of reason to men in general; and of light of grace here ... glory hereafter. LIGHT is Revealer to His own people who are both signified by Light ... and in whose Light they see Light. Jesus refreshes and delights their souls with the Light of his countenance now with his glorious presence.

AND IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL: No darkness of unknowing, no blindness, no unawareness, no error and no ignorance. Nothing is more contrary to him than the darkness of ignorance of the Spirit and the spiritual; Nothing more distant from Him: What is unknown to men as the times and seasons; what angels were ignorant of and even The Son as incarnate man, as to the day and hour of destruction and resurrection are known to the Father. No ignorance of anything whatsoever; No variableness or shadow of turning ... Only illumination like the luminous body of the sun.

God is always the same pure and holy, wise and knowing Being. It is customary for the Jews to call the supreme Being אור, <ore> light the most simple Light, hidden Light,

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and infinite Light, with respect to his nature, glory, and majesty, and with regard also to his grace and mercy, justice and judgment; though, this is to be understood of him *figuratively*.

Verse 6

If we say that we have fellowship <2842 koinonia> with him, and walk in darkness <4655 skotos>, we lie, and do not the truth:

2842 koinonia (koy-nohn-ee'-ah);

Partnership, Like Mindedness

4655 skotos (skot'-os);

Darkness of Sin

Different Darkness than v 5

IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM, If any profess to be PARTAKERS of the divine nature with God; to be like God; to COMMUNE with God; to be in PARTNERSHIP with God; to have the Light of God; the countenance of God; and the discoveries of the mysteries of God:

AND WALK IN DARKNESS; the **Darkness of sin, ignorance**, and **unbelief**. Are **unregenerate, blind** to the spiritual truths of God; Dead in sin; Not knowing God; Not knowing Messiah; not having any true sight and sense of themselves, their sin and current state of their soul; ignorance of Christ and His righteousness, the way of salvation by and through Him; strangers and aliens to the Spirit of God, the working of His grace; unacquainted with the truths of the Gospel. Those who walk in the Darkness prefer the Darkness to the Light; love darkness of sin and the works of sin; have their FELLOWSHIP with sin and evil and take their pleasure in them over God, Jesus and the **children of the Light** (Lk 16:8, Jn 12:36); Prefer the ways of sin and wickedness, and continue in them falsely claiming grace as license to do so. **Such persons pretend to fellowship with God, but they are liars.**

WE LIE; A Spiritual and Virtual IMPOSSIBILITY. It simply CANNOT BE; It is CONTRADICTION, IMPOSSIBLE and IMPRACTICABLE. What communion has Light with darkness? What fellowship does the throne of iniquity or those in whom sin reigns, have with God? God is Light, and were they partakers of him, or like Him, or in communion with Him, they would be in the Light as He is in the Light, and not in darkness, and much less walking in it. **Therefore they are liars.**

AND DO NOT PRACTICE (DO) THE TRUTH: Christianity as a belief is subordinate to Christianity as a way of life. The doers of God (Jam 1:22) who LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE have precedence over the knower who does not. Those who do not do are those who do not obey and do not do the truth ... nor act according to the truth. The non-doers do not act uprightly, are insincere, hypocrites, liars, pretenders who say they have what in reality and truth they have not. Those who are in the Light, walk in the Light,

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and those who have not the Light walk in Darkness of sin and ignorance of God and His truths. Those who proclaim the Light come to the Light and are the children of the Light. Those who say but do not are children of Darkness, children of the Devil and not the children of God. (Joh 3:21) ... The Darkness does not bear the fruit of the Light, nor can it. **We are saved to bear fruit, do good works. (Eph. 2:10, Titus 2:14) Those who do not are saved not.**

Verse 7

But if we walk in the light <5457 phos> as He is in the light <5457 phos> we have fellowship <2842 koinonia> one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

“One with Another” could also be translated as “one on one” WITH GOD.

Transition from explanations of Light, Darkness, Fellowship to Forgiveness of sin through the blood of Jesus.

The subject of first John is Eternal Life through Jesus. Jesus has come to **restore** the God ordained relationship we were created to have, but lost due to sin. Jesus stands in the gap to reunite fallen mankind with our Creator God.

BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT; We as regenerate Christians, those occupying an “in Christ” position, who are enlightened by the Spirit of God, so as to have a true sight and sense of sin, to know Christ, and the way of salvation by Him and in Him; as children of the Light, walking in the Light and increasing in spiritual Light and knowledge of God; producing the works of Light and the fruit of Light consistent with our in Christ position. The Light of faith and truth of the Light of the Gospel is we are called out of darkness into marvelous Light of God as seen in Jesus.

AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT; Jesus in the Father, One with the Father who is Light, in Light, Dwells in Light. This “as” denotes not equality of us with God and Jesus, but **likeness**: when this is the case, then it is a clear point, that...

WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER; This one with another is NOT speaking of our fellowship with the saints, with born again believers, with the apostles, with other Christians ... **BUT WITH GOD!**

Our mutual communion: one on one with God ... God with us ... we with God. We who are children of the Light, walking in the Light are jointly and mutually partnered with God ... appear with God ... Partakers of God’s nature ... Commune with Him ... Commune with His Son Jesus Christ ... who has cleansed us in His Blood ...

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AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, HIS SON, CLEANSES US FROM ALL SIN:

The truth and reality in this phrase is so intense ... so incredible ... that this phrase alone could and should be a bible study unto itself. The pollution (sin & evil) in human nature is passed to all humanity by Adam and from Adam and is the natural, universal, and internal condition of man. It is man's natural putrid, sinful and evil nature that only through the blood of Christ can there be reconciliation to God ... a propitiation for our crime against God ... a removal of our nature which is a stench before our God ... is achieved only by our God ... by the blood of Theanthropos, the God-man Jesus.

Nothing but the blood of Messiah; No ceremonial rite, No other sacrifice, No moral duty, No evangelical performance, No submission to Gospel ordinances, No baptism, No repentance, No grace, No faith, No forgiveness, No nothing but the blood of God our Savior is able to cleanse and reconcile and propitiate our crimes against our Holy Father God. Only in the blood can there be Atonement of sin, and only by the sacrifice of Messiah Jesus Christ.

The cleansing in His blood is **not to be understood of Sanctification**, for that more properly belongs to the Spirit of God and the ministry of God the Holy Spirit which does not in fact cleanse but separates only after the cleansing of sin.

Through the blood of God incarnate do we have complete **Justification, a full pardon, and full restoration** through the application of His blood to the conscience of those regenerated because by it. The one time sacrifice of Jesus purges forever any further need for any dead works of Mosaic Law.

The blood of Jesus being applied by the Spirit of God has been always cleansing those redeemed by it from sin. Had there been any benefit to any of the works of Torah, had there been any cleansing virtue in Torah applied to any Old Covenant saints there would simply not have been the need for Messiah Jesus, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, to be slain at all. All Torah led to Messiah and now that Messiah fulfilled His purpose in death, so too the Torah has fulfilled its purpose and died with Jesus upon the cross. Written Torah is dead so spiritual Torah might live in the hearts of those reconciled and then sanctified to God through the blood of the Lamb.

The blood of Messiah has the same efficacy now as when first shed. The blood will continue to have the same efficacy even to the end of the world as it does for those called by God since the beginning of the world. To all whose conscience is being sprinkled upon by the Spirit of God, it takes away the sins of believers and cleanses them. However quickly the corruption of nature rises or sins appear the blood removes it from their sight and leads them into the Light. The blood brings Light into their lives and speaks peace to their souls. The Lamb is continual intercession, mediation and the Spirit advocacy to reach into all and cleans from sin, whether in nature or actual, secret or open, of heart or mind, thought or lip, omission or commission, greater or lesser committed against Light and knowledge, grace and mercy, law and Gospel excepting only those blasphemous to the Holy Spirit.

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In this Messiah Jesus is the antitype of the (azazel) escape goat of the Atonement (Lev 16:8-26) of which the Jews say...

It atoned for all the transgressions of Torah, whether small or great, sins of presumption or of ignorance, known or not known which were against an affirmative or negative command, which deserved cutting off (by the hand of God) or death by the sanhedrim."

HIS SON; The Son of God, who is eternal with God and equal to God is truly and properly God is the One who became the incarnate God, the Theanthropos Messiah, the God-man whose blood of man that must, according to Torah be shed to atone for and expiate (propitiate) sin and cleanse from it, and that of an innocent man, holy, spotless, blameless and without sin. The blood of a mere man, however so holy could only atone for him self. But the blood of one that is God as well as man.

Acts 20:28

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which **He purchased with His own blood.**

The divine nature of the Son of God, being in fellowship with His human nature, put eternal virtue into his blood to produce such an effect, which still continues, and will always continue as long as there shall remain any need and purpose for it.

Verse 8

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

We acknowledge that we have all sinned. The phrase ""we have no sin" may be referring to the Jewish believers who through the righteous requirements of the Torah believed to be in a state of "righteousness" through obedience of the law and can also be of those who pervert grace into licentiousness (license to sin).

IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE NO SIN; Believers who are cleansed from their sins by the blood of Christ does not mean they are without sin. No man is without sin regenerate or not. The born again nature adds a new nature to man but does not remove the old sin nature that continue as long as the flesh remains. This is evidenced by the continual war in a believer's life between flesh and spirit (Rom 7:14-25).

Though we the regenerate are freed from the **guilt of sin**, we are under no obligation to punishment on account of it. All sins for all time are transferred to the cross of Jesus and yes, Jesus has bore them and put them away and redeemed us from them so that sin is not imputed having our hearts baptized and purged by the blood of Jesus. The blood saves us from the wrath of God, the second death (Rev 20:11-15).

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Pardon of sin, yes ... Justification from sin, yes ... Removal from guilt of sin, yes ... Free from obligation of punishment for sin, yes ... Removal of the existence and being of sin, NO! ... Cause for cessation of sin, NO! ... Cause for grace to make sin cease to be sin, NO! ... Change the nature of actions of sinful ones to make sin harmless, innocent or indifferent, NO!

The sins of believers are equally as egregious as sins of non-believers and possibly worse to our loving and merciful and holy God. They are in many ways worse! Believers have tasted the fruit of God, His mercy, forgiveness, truth and magnitude of payment through the blood of Jesus. Believer's sins transgress the Law of God, Spiritual Torah of the New Covenant. Many are the sins of the believer and all of them are attended to and noticed by God, for which He chastises His elect in love.

Though many a believer may say that he has not this or that particular sin, or is not guilty of this or that sin, he has the seeds of all sin in him through the flesh and sin nature and therefore cannot say he has no sin. All believers may truly say is there will be a time where in truth they shall have no sin, for in the future state of being after the resurrection the saints will be perfectly holy in themselves, yet cannot lay claim to such perfection in this present life in the flesh. All who profess to be cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ should affirm this if they profess to claim themselves without sin...

WE DECEIVE OURSELVES AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US; Such people must be ignorant of themselves, and put a cheat upon themselves, thinking themselves to be something when they are nothing! They flatter themselves what pure and holy creatures they are, when there is fact a volcano of sin and wickedness is erupting in them and they in turn choose to defend their RIGHT to continue to engage in such despicably sinful behaviors by claiming and applying the name JESUS to themselves. My blood boils with the mere thought and cavalier attitude of these deceiving and deceived apostates. These pseudochristians are self-deceptions, sad delusions, and gross impositions upon themselves and true believers and followers of LORD Jesus.

It is such a plain case truth and grace is not upon such persons though they bellow so from their rooftops. If there were a real work of God upon their souls, they would know and discern the plague of their own hearts, the darkness and impurity of their nature, and the gross imperfection manifest by their disobedience. The word of truth is far from them and the triumphant entry of the LORD has escaped penetrating their hearts. These are the one who embellish the darkness of darkness for if the Light of truth had penetrated their fog of deception and worked effectually in them they would in the Light and walking in the Light in such a manner that grace would see that they discover the multitude of sin and iniquity hunkered within them. Jude speaks well to such as these as does Peter and all the Apostles ... they are shipwrecked upon the reefs of sin and evil as the waves of perdition come crashing down upon them.

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Verse 9

If we confess <3670 homologeo> our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS; Confess and confession is one of the most abused and misapplied words in New Covenant Scripture. Confess is the Greek verb *ομολογεω* *homologeō* and means to be of one mind; to agree and to speak the same thing. (See study Follow Jesus <http://www.thelordschildren.org/followJC.htm>). Confess is a good translation if we understand it in the same sense as a criminal confession, one who stands in agreement of the accuser of his own guilt. What John is in essence saying is if we stand in agreement with Jesus about our sins, Jesus will be faithful and true to forgive us our sins and to apply His own blood to cleanse us from our sentence of death. This stands in contrast to the earlier verse that shows false brethren standing in defiance to their sins, denying they have sin, yet wrongly applying the sacrifice and blood of Jesus to themselves.

Confession is also not to be understood as some denominations would have you believe is a sacrament where you go to a priest or designated person to “spill your heart out,” nor is it speaking about a confession of one to another. While it is not wrong for a person entrenched in a sin to confide and seek help another fellow Christian we are able to confide to, that is just not what the teaching and admonition of God’s Word is telling us to do. We do have a duty in the Lord to confess our faults to a fellow Christian we have wronged and directly sinned against, though under no obligation to confess such sins committed directly against God, though practically speaking all sins are against God, or toward another person saved or unsaved to anyone other than God.

While some may confess to others in general what sinful creatures they are without entering into particulars, it is gross defiance and insufficient to make such broad and general proclamations without the particulars to God. Detailed confession of sin is to be made to God, against whom all sin is committed, and from whom all sin may be pardoned. True confession is for benefit to the sinner and not something we owe God, for the debt and burden is ours and so is the release. The one that truly confesses sin is the one that the Spirit of God has truly convicted of sin and is therefore bound to show his godly sorrow for his sin through God’s gift of repentance which is a turning of the mind away from sin, toward God for Salvation. The one seeking and imploring the Lord for pardoning grace is the one who shall obtain it.

HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US [OUR] SINS: forgiveness of sin proceeds from the bloodshed and sacrifice of Christ which is done at once and includes all sin, past present and future and not from the act of seeking forgiveness. Our penitent attitude is not the basis for forgiveness, the shed blood of the Son of God is foundation for forgiveness. The gift and application of pardoning grace to a poor and sensible sinner seeking grace, humbled under a sense of sin, and confessing it before the Lord is not the cause or condition for pardon. Repentance is descriptive of the

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person and identifies the individual to whom God make known His forgiveness and love is the result of the work of Messiah on his behalf. (Prov 28:13, Isa 55:7)

It is the repentant soul who humbly comes before the Lord showing proper regard to the blood sacrifice of His Son in whom satisfaction (propitiation) to the Father is made for violations and transgressions against the Law for which Justice must be served. It is the manifestation of God's glory to forgive the sinner for whom His Son has shed His blood for and to not impute the penalty for the offense. Forgiveness of sin springs from the tender mercies of our God, and is both Justice and Mercy; Just with respect to the blood of Christ, and of pure grace and mercy to the pardoned sinner.

AND TO CLEANSE US, FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS; This is the same thought expressed in different words and a different perspective. All unrighteousness is sin, and to cleanse from sin is to remove us from its guilt by applying the blood of Jesus for pardon and forgiveness.

Verse 10

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE NOT SINNED, Have never sinned is an unlikely understanding with any people then or now. Have not recently sinned or not sinned since coming to the Lord is likely though some do say they do not now nor did they ever possess a sin nature and were not born in more probable for those views have a hold today in the hearts and minds of many. These affirm they come into the world pure, holy and innocent creatures who never engages in sinful lifestyles and therefore came to Jesus as pure and holy, as people denying lust and sexual desire as sin but a normal human emotion and not sinful for as long as the desire remains emotional no sin is committed. Sin is not merely the external manifestations of wrong and sinful desire but includes also the internal lusts and wantonness of sinful desires that germinate and give birth to sin conceived in the heart and spirit of man. Should there be any souls among us with such assertion...

WE MAKE HIM A LIAR: that is we make God a liar. God in his Word declares that the wicked are estranged from the womb, Psalms 58:3 "The wicked are estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth" and that his own people are transgressors from the womb. Rom 3:23 states that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" and that "there is none that does good, no not one." (Ps 14:3, 53:3).

AND HIS WORD IS NOT IN US; Neither Christ nor the Word of God dwells within such unrepentant hearts and minds. The Word of God that declares such things has no rule or place with those children of the dark. Scriptures that attest to such are spat upon and despised by the liars that deny such truths and heed only self. The world is full of cults, heretics and gnostics, who fancy themselves pure in the midst of all their impurities.

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5457 φως phos (foce)

from an obsolete phao (to shine or make manifest, especially by rays, cf [5316](#), [5346](#)); TDNT-9:310,1293; n n; *light*:—

NAS-fire (1), firelight (1), light (68), lights (2).

AV-light 68, fire 2; 70

1) light

1a) the light

1a1) emitted by a lamp

1a2) a heavenly light such as surrounds angels when they appear on earth

1b) anything emitting light

1b1) a star

1b2) fire because it is light and sheds light

1b3) a lamp or torch

1c) light, i.e brightness

1c1) of a lamp

2) metaph.

2a) God is light because light has the extremely delicate, subtle, pure, brilliant quality

2b) of truth and its knowledge, together with the spiritual purity associated with it

2c) that which is exposed to the view of all, openly, publicly

2d) reason, mind

2d1) the power of understanding esp. moral and spiritual truth

For Synonyms see entry [5817](#)

Scriptures

Matthew 4:16

The people which sat in darkness saw great **light <5457 phos>**; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death **light <5457 phos>** is sprung up.

Matthew 5:14

Ye are the **light <5457 phos>** of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Matthew 5:16

Let your **light <5457 phos>** so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 6:23

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the **light <5457 phos>** that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

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Matthew 10:27

What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in **light <5457 phos>**: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

Matthew 17:2

And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the **light <5457 phos>**.

Mark 14:54

And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the **fire <5457 phos>**.

Luke 2:32

A **light <5457 phos>** to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 8:16

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth *it* under a bed; but setteth *it* on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the **light <5457 phos>**.

Luke 11:35

Take heed therefore that the **light <5457 phos>** which is in thee be not darkness.

Luke 12:3

Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the **light <5457 phos>**; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Luke 16:8

And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of **light <5457 phos>**.

Luke 22:56

But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the **fire <5457 phos>**, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him.

John 1:4

In him was life; and the life was the **light <5457 phos>** of men.

John 1:5

¶ And the **light <5457 phos>** shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

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John 1:7

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the **Light <5457 phos>**, that all *men* through him might believe.

John 1:8

He was not that **Light <5457 phos>**, but was *sent* to bear witness of that **Light <5457 phos>**.

John 1:9

That was the true **Light <5457 phos>**, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

John 3:19

And this is the condemnation, that **light <5457 phos>** is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than **light <5457 phos>**, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20

For every one that doeth evil hateth the **light <5457 phos>**, neither cometh to the **light <5457 phos>**, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

John 3:21

But he that doeth truth cometh to the **light <5457 phos>**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

John 5:35

He was a burning and a shining **light**: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his **light <5457 phos>**.

John 8:12

¶ Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the **light <5457 phos>** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **light <5457 phos>** of life.

John 9:5 (Compare with John 1:8)

As long as I am in the world, I am the **light <5457 phos>** of the world.

John 11:9

Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the **light <5457 phos>** of this world.

John 11:10

But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no **light <5457 phos>** in him.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

John 12:35

Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the **light <5457 phos>** with you. Walk while ye have the **light <5457 phos>**, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.

John 12:36

While ye have **light <5457 phos>**, believe in the **light <5457 phos>**, that ye may be the children of **light <5457 phos>**. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

John 12:46

I am come a **light <5457 phos>** into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Acts 9:3

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a **light <5457 phos>** from heaven:

Acts 12:7

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a **light <5457 phos>** shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.

Acts 13:47

For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a **light <5457 phos>** of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Acts 16:29

Then he called for a **light <5457 phos>**, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

Acts 22:6

And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great **light <5457 phos>** round about me.

Acts 22:9

And they that were with me saw indeed the **light <5457 phos>**, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

Acts 22:11

And when I could not see for the glory of that **light <5457 phos>**, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

Acts 26:13

At midday, O king, I saw in the way a **light <5457 phos>** from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

Acts 26:18

To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to **light <5457 phos>**, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Acts 26:23

That Christ should suffer, *and* that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew **light <5457 phos>** unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

Romans 2:19

And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a **light <5457 phos>** of them which are in darkness,

Romans 13:12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of **light <5457 phos>**.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who commanded the **light <5457 phos>** to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:14

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath **light <5457 phos>** with darkness?

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of **light <5457 phos>**.

Ephesians 5:8

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are* ye **light <5457 phos>** in the Lord: walk as children of **light <5457 phos>**:

Ephesians 5:13 (Compare with Luke 11:35)

But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the **light <5457 phos>**: for whatsoever doth make manifest is **light <5457 phos>**.

Colossians 1:12

¶ Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in **light <5457 phos>**:

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

1 Thessalonians 5:5

Ye are all the children of **light <5457 phos>**, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1 Timothy 6:16

Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the **light <5457 phos>** which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen.

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of **lights <5457 phos>**, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

1 Peter 2:9

But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous **light <5457 phos>**:

1 John 1:5

¶ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is **light <5457 phos>**, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the **light <5457 phos>**, as he is in the **light <5457 phos>**, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 2:8

Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true **light <5457 phos>** now shineth.

1 John 2:9

He that saith he is in the **light <5457 phos>**, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

1 John 2:10

He that loveth his brother abideth in the **light <5457 phos>**, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

Revelation 18:23

And the **light <5457 phos>** of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

Revelation 21:24

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the **light <5457 phos>** of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

Revelation 22:5

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither **light <5457 phos>** of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

Exegesis: Darkness, 4653 skotia (skot-ee'-ah)

Verse 5

4653 σκοτία skotia (skot-ee'-ah)

from [4655](#); TDNT-7:423,1049; n f; *darkness*:—

NAS-dark (3), darkness (14).

AV-darkness 14, dark 2; 16

1) darkness

2) the darkness due to want of light

3) metaph. used of **ignorance of divine things**, and its associated **wickedness**, and the resultant misery in **hell**

Scriptures

Matthew 10:27

What I tell you in **darkness <4653 skotia>**, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

Luke 12:3

Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in **darkness <4653 skotia>** shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

John 1:5

¶ And the light shineth in **darkness <4653 skotia>**; and the **darkness <4653 skotia>** comprehended it not.

John 6:17

And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now **dark <4653 skotia>**, and Jesus was not come to them.

John 8:12

¶ Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in **darkness <4653 skotia>**, but shall have the light of life.

John 12:35

Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest **darkness <4653 skotia>** come upon you: for he that walketh in **darkness <4653 skotia>** knoweth not whither he goeth.

John 12:46

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in **darkness <4653 skotia>**.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

John 20:1

¶ The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet **dark <4653 skotia>**, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

1 John 1:5

¶ 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 <4653 skotia>** at all.

1 John 2:8

Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the **darkness <4653 skotia>** is past, and the true light now shineth.

1 John 2:9

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in **darkness <4653 skotia>** even until now.

1 John 2:11

But he that hateth his brother is in **darkness <4653 skotia>**, and walketh in **darkness <4653 skotia>**, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that **darkness <4653 skotia>** hath blinded his eyes.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

Exegesis: Darkness, 4655 skotos (skot'-os)

Verse 6

4655 σκοτος skotos skot'-os

from the base of [4639](#); TDNT-7:423,1049; n n

AV-darkness 32; 32

1) darkness

1a) of night darkness

1b) of darkened eyesight or blindness

2) metaph.

2a) of **ignorance** respecting **divine things** and **human duties**, and the accompanying **ungodliness** and **immorality**, together with their consequent misery in hell

2b) persons in whom **darkness becomes visible** and holds sway

For Synonyms see entry [5926](#)

Scriptures

Matthew 4:16

The people which sat in **darkness <4655 skotos>** saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Matthew 6:23

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be **darkness <4655 skotos>**, how great *is* that **darkness <4655 skotos>!**

Matthew 8:12

But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer **darkness <4655 skotos>**: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 22:13

Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer **darkness <4655 skotos>**; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:30

And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer **darkness <4655 skotos>**: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 27:45

Now from the sixth hour there was **darkness <4655 skotos>** over all the land unto the ninth hour.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

Mark 15:33

¶ And when the sixth hour was come, there was **darkness <4655 skotos>** over the whole land until the ninth hour.

Luke 1:79

To give light to them that sit in **darkness <4655 skotos>** and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 11:35

Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not **darkness <4655 skotos>**.

Luke 22:53

When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of **darkness <4655 skotos>**.

Luke 23:44

¶ And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a **darkness <4655 skotos>** over all the earth until the ninth hour.

John 3:19

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved **darkness <4655 skotos>** rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Acts 2:20

The sun shall be turned into **darkness <4655 skotos>**, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

Acts 13:11

And now, behold, the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a **darkness <4655 skotos>**; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

Acts 26:18

To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from **darkness <4655 skotos>** to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Romans 2:19

And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in **darkness <4655 skotos>**,

Romans 13:12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of **darkness <4655 skotos>**, and let us put on the armour of light.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of **darkness <4655 skotos>**, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of **darkness <4655 skotos>**, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 6:14

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with **darkness <4655 skotos>?**

Ephesians 5:8

For ye were sometimes **darkness <4655 skotos>**, but now *are* ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Ephesians 5:11

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of **darkness <4655 skotos>**, but rather reprove *them*.

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the **darkness <4655 skotos>** of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Colossians 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of **darkness <4655 skotos>**, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

1 Thessalonians 5:4

But ye, brethren, are not in **darkness <4655 skotos>**, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of **darkness <4655 skotos>**.

Hebrews 12:18

¶ For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and **darkness <4655 skotos>**, and tempest,

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:9

But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of **darkness <4655 skotos>** into his marvellous light:

2 Peter 2:17

These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of **darkness <4655 skotos>** is reserved for ever.

1 John 1:6

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in **darkness <4655 skotos>**, we lie, and do not the truth:

Jude 1:13

Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of **darkness <4655 skotos>** for ever.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

Exegesis: Fellowship, 2842 koinonia (*koy-nohn-ee'-ah*)

2842 κοινωνία koinonia (*koy-nohn-ee'-ah*)

from [2844](#); TDNT-3:797,447; n f; *fellowship*:—

NAS-contribution (2), fellowship (12), participation (2), sharing (3).

AV-fellowship 12, communion 4, communication 1, distribution 1, contribution 1, to communicate 1; 20

- 1) **fellowship**, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse
 - 1a) the share which one has in anything, participation
 - 1b) intercourse, fellowship, **intimacy**
 - 1b1) the right hand as a sign and pledge of fellowship (in fulfilling the apostolic office)
 - 1c) a gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution, as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship

Scriptures

Acts 2:42

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to **fellowship <2842 koinonia>**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Romans 15:26

For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a **contribution <2842 koinonia>** for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, through whom you were called into **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 10:16

Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a **sharing <2842 koinonia>** in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a **sharing <2842 koinonia>** in the body of Christ?

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** has light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 8:4

begging us with much urging for the favor of **participation <2842 koinonia>** in the support of the saints,

2 Corinthians 9:13

Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your **contribution <2842 koinonia>** to them and to all,

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Galatians 2:9

and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of **fellowship <2842 koinonia>**, so that we *might go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

Philippians 1:5

in view of your **participation <2842 koinonia>** in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 2:1

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

Philippians 3:10

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

Philemon 1:6

and I pray that the **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake.

Hebrews 13:16

And do not neglect doing good and **sharing <2842 koinonia>**, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

1 John 1:3

what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** with us; and indeed our **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:6

If we say that we have **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

1 John 1:7

but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have **fellowship <2842 koinonia>** with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

Exegesis: Confess, 3670 homologeo (hom-ol-og-eh'-o)

3670 ομολογῶ homologeo (hom-ol-og-eh'-o)

from ομολογος homologos (*of one mind*); a compound of the base of [3674](#) and [3056](#); TDNT-5:199,687; v; *to speak the same, to agree*:—

NAS-acknowledge (2), admit (1), assured (1), confess (6), confessed (4), confesses (6), confessing (1), declare (1), give thanks (1), made (1), profess (1), promised (1).

AV-confess 17, profess 3, promise 1, give thanks 1, confession is made 1, acknowledgeth 1; 24 1) to say the same thing as another, i.e. to agree with, assent

2) to concede

2a) not to refuse, to promise

2b) not to deny

2b1) to confess

2b2) declare

2b3) to confess, i.e. to admit or declare one's self guilty of what one is accused of

3) to profess

3a) to declare openly, speak out freely

3b) to profess one's self the worshipper of one

4) to praise, celebrate

Scriptures

Matthew 7:23 "And then I will **declare <3670 homologeo>** to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Matthew 10:32 "Therefore everyone who **confesses <3670 homologeo>** Me before men, I will also **confess <3670 homologeo>** him before My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 14:7 so *much* that he **promised <3670 homologeo>** with an oath to give her whatever she asked.

Luke 12:8 "And I say to you, everyone who **confesses <3670 homologeo>** Me before men, the Son of Man will **confess <3670 homologeo>** him also before the angels of God;

John 1:20 And he **confessed <3670 homologeo>** and did not deny, but **confessed <3670 homologeo>**, "I am not the Christ."

John 9:22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone **confessed <3670 homologeo>** Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

John 12:42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not **confessing <3670 homologeo>** Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;

Acts 7:17 "But as the time of the promise was approaching which God had **assured <3670 homologeo>** to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt,

Acts 23:8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit, but the Pharisees **acknowledge <3670 homologeo>** them all.

Expository Study: 1 John 1:5-10
Fellowship; Confession; Forgiveness

- Acts 24:14 "But this I **admit <3670 homologueo>** to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets;
- Romans 10:9 that if you **confess <3670 homologueo>** with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;
- Romans 10:10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he **confesses <3670 homologueo>**, resulting in salvation.
- 1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you **made <3670 homologueo>** the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
- Titus 1:16 They **profess <3670 homologueo>** to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.
- Hebrews 11:13 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having **confessed <3670 homologueo>** that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.
- Hebrews 13:15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that **give thanks <3670 homologueo>** to His name.
- 1 John 1:9 If we **confess <3670 homologueo>** our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 1 John 2:23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who **confesses <3670 homologueo>** the Son has the Father also.
- 1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that **confesses <3670 homologueo>** that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;
- 1 John 4:3 and every spirit that does not **confess <3670 homologueo>** Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.
- 1 John 4:15 Whoever **confesses <3670 homologueo>** that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.
- 2 John 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not **acknowledge <3670 homologueo>** Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.
- Revelation 3:5 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will **confess <3670 homologueo>** his name before My Father and before His angels.