

Series in 1 John

- John writing near end of life
- phrases like 'my little children', 'beloved'
- group of believers left 2:19
- been some false teaching giving clear truth
- 1:6 "If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."
- 1:8 "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

- 1:10 "If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."
- 2:4 "Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him"
- 2:6 "whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."
- 2:9 "Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness."
- 4:20 "If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."

Last Week – Walk in the Light

- 1:7-9 "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. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"

1 John 2:1-6 "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."

- 1. Don't Forget
 - a) Desire you to live without sin
 - sin refusal to follow God's law, submit to His will. Insubordination I know better or choose not to. (Bob's version)
 - 1 John 3:4 "Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness."
 - truth will expose the lies
 - light will reveal where we have been deceived

- b) When Sin is Revealed Remember
 - 1:9 Confess
 - Advocate Jesus standing beside you
 - Courtroom Image
 - God the Judge Holy & Hates Sin
 - Proverbs 6:16-19
 - Satan the Accuser Rev. 10:12
 - Defendant You (guilty)
 - Advocate Jesus, taking your case
 - righteous

- propitiation God's Holy Law satisfied
 - Jesus in my place, cross
 - Penalty applied, forgiveness extended
- when this is experienced, changes us
- for the Whole World
 - upon confession & belief Rom. 10:9
 - wishes none perish
 - you are to be a witness

- 2. There Will be Evidence of this Reality in You
 - a) Know four levels of knowing
 - b) Behavioral Change
 - new heart, realizing cost, what God has done
 - cannot claim to have experienced and......
 treat commandments like a buffet
 make no effort to align life with belief
- 1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome."

- c) Strong language from a 'Son of Thunder'
 - liar
 - truth is not in them
 - claims rejected you don't know God
- d) Assurance and Blessing found simply
 - strive to keep God's word
 - Holy Spirit available not alone
 - everything needed provided

- 3. Walk as Jesus Walked
 - a) Key word here 'abide'
- John 15:1-5 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

b) Walk

- intentional movement
- requires you to investigate how Jesus walked
- align your responses to fit the model
- ask for Holy Spirit enabling

So What?

- 1. Sin can be dealt with
 - confession
 - repentance
 - acceptance
- 2. Knowing & Submitting to God's commands key
- Jesus in John 14:15,21 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

3. Walking is a decision

• 2 Peter 1:3-4... ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.