



Test #1 — Walking in the Light

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1 John 1:5-10

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REVIEW — Let's remember what we have learned ...

The Topic — Fellowship (i.e. we have “eternal life”) 1:1-4

It is connected with a **PERSON** vs. 1-3

It is designed with a **PURPOSE** v. 4

The Tests — Evidences of fellowship with God and one another

There is a **DOCTRINAL** test — “*if we say ...*” (what we believe)

There is an **OBEDIENCE** test — “*if we walk in the light ...*” (how we live)

There is a **RELATIONAL** test — “*If we love one another ...*” (how we relate to one another)

INTRODUCTION — How can I believe what anyone says?

LESSON — Test #1 — Walking In The Light 1:5-10

I. THE FOCUS — Who Is John Talking To?

“*If we say ...*” vs. 6,8,9,10

The Perspective

Is John describing two **TYPES** of Christians — those “in” or “out” of fellowship with God?

Is John describing a **GENUINE** Christian — fellowship is a synonymous word for saved?

The Pronoun

vs. 1-5 — “We”, is used 8x in these verses, and refers to the **APOSTLES**.

vs. 6-10 — “We”, is used 12x in these verses, and refers generally to **ANYONE** who professes to be a Christian.

II. THE FEATURE — Walking In The Light vs. 5-10

The Message — “God is **Light**, and in Him is **no darkness at all.**”

The Marks — How do I know if I am saved?

1) If you walk in the light (i.e. saved) you **LIVE** differently. vs. 6-7

Exposing the unbeliever — v. 6 (cf. 2:4,9) ... They consistently and characteristically **DISOBEY** God.

Note: They believe they are not **ACCOUNTABLE** for their sin/behavior.

Confirming the believer — v. 7 ... They are not sinless, but they **SIN LESS**.

2) If you walk in the light (i.e. saved) you view **SIN** differently. vs. 8-10

Exposing the unbeliever — vs. 8,10 ... They don't think they are **GUILTY** and need forgiveness.

Note:

They can believe, on the one hand, they are not that **BAD**.

They can believe, on the other hand, they are a sinner and they need to **FIX** it.

Confirming the believer — v. 9 ... They know that before God they have a **DEBT** that needs forgiven, and a **STAIN** that needs removed and only God can do this.

Conclusion — How do I know if I'm saved?

Non-Christian	Christian
<ul style="list-style-type: none">You say you know God, but you live in DISOBEDIENCE to God and His Word. v. 6You DENY you <i>are</i> sinner. v. 8You DISREGARD your sinful <i>behavior</i>. v. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You seek to CONTINUE in the light and are assured you are clean by Christ's blood. v. 7You CONFESS (past and present) your guilt and sin and look to God alone for forgiveness. v. 9