



1 JOHN ABIDING IN JESUS CHRIST

Lesson Two: The Gospel for Hypocrites

1 John 1:5-10

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⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ 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. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the word hypocrite mean? Why do we hate hypocrisy? In what way are we all hypocrites?
2. Read 1 John 1:5-7 and John 1:4-5. What does it mean to walk in darkness? What does it mean to walk in the light?
3. How does our sin make us hypocrites? How does pretending to be sinless also make us hypocrites?
4. What does shame have to do with hiding? How does shame cause us to hide from God and to hide from one another?
5. What does confessing our sins have to do with the Gospel?
6. How does confessing our sins lead to both freedom and forgiveness?