

A Journey Through First John (Pt. 3) 1 John 1:5-10

Introduction:

- One of the more common phrases we use in our day-n-age is the phrase, “T_____ is c_____!”
- When someone makes that statement, what they are communicating is, “_____ speak louder than _____.”
- Ephesians 4

I. The Basis for a Close Relationship (v5)

- Read v5.
- Light has two aspects:
 - A.) There is an i_____ side to light.
 - Psalm 119:105
 - B.) There is a m_____ side to light.
 - Ephesians 5:9
- Our character as Christians should r_____ the character of our Lord.

II. The Hindrances to a Close Relationship (v6-10)

- A.) An inaccurate assessment of our w_____. (v6-7)
 - Significance of the phrase, “If we say...”
 - What John is referring to is the kind of Christians who believe they are doing well spiritually, but in _____, they are not doing well at all.
 - Two types of cleansing or forgiveness:
 - 1.) P_____ forgiveness.
 - Colossians 2:13
 - 2.) R_____ forgiveness.

- B.) An inaccurate assessment of our s_____. (v8-9)
 - On a very practical level, this looks like the kind of person who thinks he has _____ spiritually.
 - To put it simply: This is the kind of person who is _____.
 - It’s the kind of person who has no drive to grow because he is blinded to his _____.
 - The importance of confessing our sin to the Lord.
 - Verse 9 literally reads: “If we are _____ confessing our sins, then He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

C.) An inaccurate assessment of our p_____. (v10)

- If there's never been a time in your past where you've acknowledged you are a sinner, then there's a good chance you aren't even saved because _____ of sin is the starting point of _____.
- Romans 3:23 says "for all have _____ and fall short of the glory of God."

Conclusion:

- Have you come to grips with sin in your life?
- Proverbs 18:23