

# Personal/Small Group Study

Week of December 31, 2023 A.D.

## God Is Light

It is difficult for humans to comprehend, but the unseen domain of the spiritual realm sets the pattern for the physical realm in which we exist. In the spirit realm, God is light, and Satan and the demons are darkness. From the time of creation, God ordained that light would always prevail over darkness in the physical realm so that we could understand that God always prevails over Satan and evil in both the spiritual and the physical realms. Let's talk about that in this study.

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

### **Read 1 John 1:5-7**

1. Refer to verse 5. If you had to choose between living in perpetual darkness or living in perpetual light, which would you choose? If you had to choose between having perfect eyesight or being blind, which would you choose?
2. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Non-believers refuse to follow Jesus because they want to do evil (and to embrace evil thoughts) whenever it pleases them to do so."
3. Refer to verse 6. Can a person be a Christian without having "fellowship" with God?
4. Can a person have fellowship with God without (a) seeking the truth? (b) learning the truth? and (c) following the truth?
5. Refer to verse 7. Does a Christian always walk in the light? Is it more important for Christians be in physical fellowship with one another or to be in spiritual fellowship with one another?
6. Must a Christian live in obedience to God in order for "the blood of Jesus to purify" that Christian from all sin?

## Read 1 John 1:8-10

7. Refer to verse 8. Is a person "without sin" if that person is not a Christian? Is a person "without sin" if that person is a Christian? If a person is "with sin", how can that person: (a) not be self-deceived? and (b) have the truth in them?
8. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "In our relationships with non-believers, Christians should always present themselves as one beggar telling another beggar where everyone can find bread."
9. Refer to verse 9. Is every sin (no matter how severe) punishable by eternal damnation in hell? If a Christian dies with "unconfessed sins", will that Christian go to hell?
10. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "The effect of unconfessed sin in the life of a Christian is the loss of fellowship with God."
11. Refer to verse 10. Now, refer once again to verse 8. Are verses 8 and 10 saying the same thing? What are we supposed to learn from each of these verses?

## Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "When Jesus was dying on the cross, a transaction was made between God the father and God the son. Jesus voluntarily took upon himself the punishment for the sins of all mankind. In return, God now offers the righteousness of Jesus to every person who will trust in the death of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sin."

**Consider:** God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we choose to remove ourselves from the light by breaking fellowship with God, we will stumble and fall and suffer the self-inflicted injuries which always result from walking in the darkness of sin. "You think about that." Amen.