

1 John 1:1 – 2:2: There are No Shades of Gray with God

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I. Introduction

The fact that *God is light and in Him is no darkness at all* should have a profound affect on the way we live our lives and the way we look at sin. Why? Because this fact means that we cannot simultaneously walk with God and live in darkness. There are no gray areas when it comes to walking with God; it's an absolute. We are either walking in His light or we're not. Walking in God's light should also have a profound affect on the way we look at sin, i.e., it should drive us not to sin in the first place and if we do sin, it should drive us to confess instead of conceal our sin.

II. 1 John 1:1-4: John wants to tell his Audience about Christ so that They can Have Mutual Fellowship with God

John and those who personally experienced Eternal Life (they heard, saw, and touched Christ) want to tell their audience about the Life (Christ) so that they can have mutual fellowship with God & Christ and ultimately so that their joy may be full.

III. 1 John 1:5 – 2:2: We either Walk in God's Light and Acknowledge our Sin or We Deceive Ourselves and Walk in Darkness

The message John and those with him heard from the Life (Christ) is: *God is light and in Him is **no Darkness at all***. This has ramifications for those who walk with God: they must be honest about the sin God's light reveals, i.e., they must confess rather than conceal their sin. Knowing all this should drive us not to sin in the first place and if we do sin, it should drive us to be honest about our sin and confess it.

IV. Conclusion

Fellowship (partnership), i.e., walking with God in His light, requires our complete honesty when it comes to the sin His light reveals. We must confess it rather than conceal it. And although we have a way back to God in 1 John 1:9, it is not to be understood as a free ticket back to God, but the proper response we should have the moment we sin.