

02 – 1 John 1:5-2:11 – Walking in the light**How is it possible?**

... that sinful people could ever approach a Holy God...

... why it is that real authentic fellowship with God is possible

1) God, us and our sin

“God is light, in him there is no darkness”.

... problem of our sin needs to be fixed.

v 6, if we claim to have fellowship with him yet still walk in darkness then we lie and we do not live out the truth.

v 7, fellowship with God means we have been purified by the blood of Jesus.

false gnostic teachers

a) Claimed to have special spirit anointing that gave them fresh and special knowledge

b) Separated the physical reality from the spiritual reality.

v 8 - “we get deceived and we depart from truth”.

v 10 - making God out to be a liar and so the word of God is not in us.

A better way

v 9, “If we confess our sins he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”

2) Does sin still matter?

... if we have Jesus’ blood to purify us does this mean that sinning no longer matters?

... because we have now been saved, we will want to avoid sin and live like Jesus our Lord and Saviour lived.

1 John 2:3 ... desire to keep his commands.

“A new commandment I give to you that you love one another as I have loved you”.

... John 13:34

“By this will all people know that you are my disciples... if you love one another”.

God’s solution

1 John 2:1-2 ... God’s solution to the problem of how we as sinful people can approach a Holy God?

...Jesus Christ, the Righteous one is advocating for us before the Father.

... Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world.

‘atoning sacrifice’ = paid the debt of our sin and wiped away the guilt of our sin, turning aside the Father’s wrath that we rightly deserve restoring our fellowship with God for all eternity... making us at one with God again.

For us today

- 1) Take ‘walking in the light’ seriously
- 2) Be assured (if you sin)
- 3) Be aware of