

Walking in the Light
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Scriptures:

- John 1:6-9
- Matthew 5:14, 16, 17
- John 8:12
- 1 John 1:7
- Colossians 1:12-14
- 1 Peter 2:9, 10

Summary:

*Correctly interpreting and analyzing the Bible is critical for Christians seeking to understand grace. A careful study of the books of Matthew and John is necessary so that we won't think the Scriptures contradict themselves. One example is the theme of light; although Jesus told the people that they were the light of the world, under grace **He** is the true Light, not us. Getting born again means Jesus—the true Light—is living in us; we therefore will never again walk in darkness. As believers, we're in the light because Jesus' blood has cleansed us of all our sins; this cleansing is permanent and based on what He did, not on what we do. Even when we sin, we're no longer sinners; we won't suddenly find ourselves in the dark again, having become dirty once more. Understanding this frees us from religious, performance-based thinking.*

Notes:

1. Understanding the books of Matthew and John reveals who the *true* light of the world is.
2. The first fundamental message for those who witness grace isn't a message of condemning sin, but the message of the Lamb of God, who takes sin away. Man contributes nothing; Jesus, alone, is the only one who can take it away.
3. Once we're in the light, we're there permanently; sinning doesn't change our stance. Walking in the light doesn't refer to our performance. It isn't focused on *how* we walk, but *where* we walk.
4. As the world gets darker and darker, the church will get brighter and brighter.

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