

CHRISTIAN'S HIGHEST CHALLENGE

1 John 1:1-10

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1 What was **from the beginning**, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning **the Word of Life**--

2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you **the eternal life**, which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, **so that you too may have fellowship** with us; and indeed **our fellowship** is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

5 This is **the message** we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light**, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him **and yet walk in the darkness**, we lie and do not practice the truth;

7 but **if we walk in the Light** as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son **cleanses us from all sin.**

8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

3 JOHN 4

3 For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth.

4 I have **no greater joy** than this, to hear of my children **walking in the truth.**

Let's give this some thought.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

- Truth is “an accurate description of a reality”

- Truth is for revealing a reality

Truth is not the Reality!

- Truth’s goal is to enable our minds to comprehend a reality.

Why equate Light with Truth?

- To know what is the reality, we need a truth that is RELIABILITY.

WALKING IN TRUTH

not: **Walking** in Truth.

This is a natural, automatic thing

but: Walking in **Truth**.

We frequently walk in the false,
believing it to be truth.

We accept truths which are **not reliable**

CREATOR

OBJECTIVE

TRUTH

SUBJECTIVE

Created

Experienced

REALITY

MAN'S

ENCOUNTERS

BIAS
BELIEFS
PEERS

EXPERIENCE

INTERPRETATION

EXAMINE, REFLECT
CONCLUSION

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is **inspired by God** and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **training in righteousness**; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

ISAIAH 55:8-9

8 "For **My thoughts** are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways **My ways**," declares the LORD.

9 "For *as the **heavens are higher than the earth***, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

AN ISSUE OF PERSONAL INTEGRITY

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