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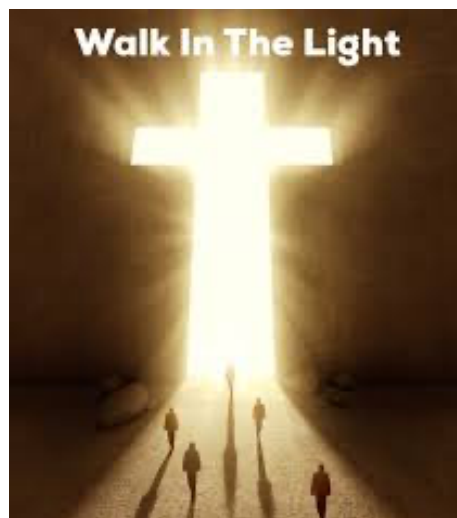
Thursday, April 9

1 John 1:6

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Verse 3 was John's first mention of fellowship, both between believers and with God. In today's verse from 1 John 1:6, he picks up on this theme again:

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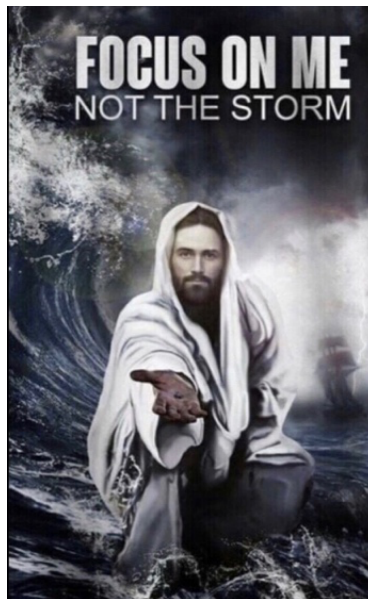


If God is light and has no darkness, then as believers we cannot walk with God and walk in darkness. To make this claim is a lie, both to us and to each other.

Though a changed life is the normal, expected condition of a Christian believer, the immediate context of today's verse is clearly focused on Christ followers. Accepting Christ does not automatically make a person sinless, nor does it guarantee a close walk with God. Here, self-professed believers are called out for attempting to walk with God while living in sin. If we are truly walking with God, we will live consistently with our beliefs, offering evidence of a life changed by God.

While choosing sin does not remove our salvation, it will destroy our fellowship with God. Sin still has consequences, even for those who possess eternal life. A major goal of Christ followers is close fellowship with other believers and with the Lord. This requires walking in the light (obedience) rather than darkness (disobedience).

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