

The Epistles of John

Week 22: 1 John 1:9

‘Fellowship’ is a specifically Christian word and denotes that common participation in the grace of God, the salvation of Christ and the indwelling Spirit that is the spiritual birthright of all Christian believers. It ... makes them one.

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Sin is defined as both a
condition and an action

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

Confess = acknowledge, admit

Forgive = set aside, release, let go, leave behind

Cleanse = make clean, purify, purge of evil

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When we are forgiven, we are also purified from all of the iniquities which stain the soul and spirit. There is a wonderful power in the blood of Jesus Christ

What happens if we don't confess a sin?

John's thought might be paraphrased: "If we confess our sins, He ... will forgive the sins we confess and moreover will even cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Naturally only God knows at any moment the full extent of a person's unrighteousness. Each Christian, however, is responsible to acknowledge (the meaning of "confess," homologōmen; cf. 2:23; 4:3) whatever the light makes him aware of, and when he does so, a complete and perfect cleansing is granted him. There is thus no need to agonize over sins of which one is unaware.

Application for This Week

Be aware as you read through scripture of all the times ***Light*** is mentioned. It permeates all of scripture from Genesis through Revelation, but it seems to be a special focus in the Psalms and in John's writings.

We need to daily be listening to the Holy Spirit move in us, showing us our sins and then we need to respond by confessing them as often as God shows them to us.

Homework

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