
Essential Christianity: *Yearning for More*

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Did I Get the Memo?

"This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all." **1 John 1:5, NLT**

"the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined." **Matthew 4:16, NLT**

"You will open the eyes of the blind and set free those who sit in dark prisons." **Isaiah 42:7, GNB**

Do I Practice the Truth?

"So, we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth." **1 John 1:6, NLT**

"Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you." **1 John 2:15, NLT**

I Am to Live in The World and
Yet Not to Be of The World

Do I Walk in The Light?

"But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin." **1 John 1:7, NLT**

The Evidences of Walking in Fellowship with God

How Do I Deal My Sin?

“If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.” *1 John 1:8–10, NLT*

“Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.”
1 John 3:9, NKJV

If I Am in Jesus, I Am Doing and Thinking Jesus Kind of Things.
If I Am of The World, I Am Doing and Thinking Worldly Kinds of Things

Jesus' Provision:

If I Confess My Sin: Agree with God

God Is: Faithful and Just

God Will: Forgive and Cleanse

The Deception:

I Am Good Enough