

Sermon Supplement from January 14

God Is Light; Live Like It! | 1 John 1:5-10

Warm Up

- What are some false conceptions of God you have heard people use? “I like to think of God as _____.”
- Why are people so prone to define God in their own terms rather than take the Bible at its word?

Dig In

- V. 5 – In your own words, what does this passage teach us about the character and nature of God? What are the implications for our lives?
- V. 6 – How have you seen this verse played out in real life?
- V. 7 – How would you explain “Walking in the Light” to someone with little Bible background? How might one walk in the Light? How does this affect our relationships with others?
- V. 8 – How does this verse address the cultural lie that “all people are basically good”? Why is it important to understand that all people are sinners by nature and by choice?
- V. 9 – What does it mean to “confess”? Why are both forgiveness and cleansing important? What does each accomplish?
- V. 10 – In what ways does secular culture deny or redefine sin? Why has sin become so unpopular in churches today? How are you tempted to redefine or excuse sin in your own life?

Wrap Up

- What do you need to bring out of the darkness and into the light?
- In what ways has this study challenged the way you think, feel, or act?

For Further Study:

- To do a study on Light and Darkness in Scripture, use a Bible commentary or online resource to look up both words. Here are some New Testament verses to get you started: John 1:4-5, 9; 3:19-21; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35-36, 46; Romans 13:12-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 21:23-24.
- For a deep-dive on Oneism and Twoism, see the courses by Dr. Peter Jones at Blue Letter Bible Institute here (<https://study.bible/courseList>).

Next Week's Sermon: 1 John 2:1-6

- *Read the text several times in multiple translations.*
- *Read the text in the context of the verses around it.*
- *Read study Bible notes or a commentary on the passage.*
- *Write down what you think is the big idea of the passage.*
- *Write down a few personal applications.*