



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion

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1 John 1:5-10

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.

There is so much to learn from the phrase “God is light”. I ask myself the question “What is light”?

It is hard to define, but easy to explain what it does. It warms. It reveals. It drives away darkness. It allows things to grow. But in these verses what is meant here is holiness and pureness. Darkness represents sin. God has no sin and is not the author of sin. Therefore if we walk (the way we live our life) in darkness and say we are in fellowship (relationship) with God we are lying. It's not so much trying because we walk (live) differently when there is light. You can see! Therefore, fellowship with God allows you to see where you are going and then God works. The word “purifies” means a process. Purification is the process of making one pure. So then, confession is to maintain our relationship with Him and keep it growing. Confession then is not to get our sins forgiven because Jesus has already done that. It is to grow in our fellowship, making our relationship stronger.

Lord, I don't want to hide my sins from you. That would be a barrier to my relationship with you. Let me live today in the knowledge of the truth that your purification process is at work in me.