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Introduction

This booklet is Part 2 of **“Walk in the Light.”** For those who have not read Part 1, it would be very helpful if they would get a copy and read it first. The information in Part 1 is very important to understanding this Part. Part 1 can be downloaded freely from our Web sites, at www.handsforjesus.cc or www.handsforjesus.org

In 1 John 1:7 it says, **“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** Why is it so important that we have fellowship with God?

When we are in fellowship with God, God will answer our prayers. Let me give you an example of the LORD answering our prayers.

Before I was born again in 1979, I had many physical problems in my body. In August of 1978 I had bleeding hemorrhoids with a lot of pain. I went in to the Hospital for surgery to have them removed. At the same time I also had a tumor on my face. The Doctor felt it was more important to have the tumor removed at that time then to have surgery done on the hemorrhoids. The Doctor was more concerned about the possibility of cancer forming in the tumor.

The surgery was done on the tumor, but not the hemorrhoids. We were to reschedule the surgery for the hemorrhoids at a later date. I left the hospital that week, more concerned about my relationship and fellowship with God than I was about the surgery on the hemorrhoids.

In June of 1979 I was facing many situations in my life in which I could not seem to get control of. Being depressed over the situations in my life, I began to pray to the LORD. At first, in my prayer, I was asking the LORD to take my life. I did not want to continue to live with all the situations in my life in which I could not get control of.

During that time of prayer, I prayed almost all night, first asking the LORD to take my life, and let me die. But, as the time went by that night, I changed my prayer to, *“LORD, You take over my life for me. LORD, take over my life and I will follow You.”*

That night, a total change took place in my life. My thinking changed. I could no longer think of what I wanted to do. I could no longer think of how I wanted to control everything in my life for my benefit. My thoughts were to help others get to know the LORD as their LORD and Savior.

The LORD answered my prayer. The prayer I prayed that night changed my whole life. The LORD truly took over in my life. I began to see the LORD doing things in my life that I could not do. One thing I noticed was that the physical conditions in my body were leaving without me even praying for them to leave. The hemorrhoids disappeared within a month or so. I did not even know the day they left. I only noticed there wasn't any bleeding any more, and no more pain. I have never had any hemorrhoids since that time.

There were other conditions that I had for many years that left, without me even knowing when they left. All I knew was they were gone. They disappeared and never came back.

Then I began to notice that I could pray for others and they would get healed. My prayers were being answered when I prayed for others. I could not understand why the LORD would answer my prayers when I prayed for others? But I did notice a major change in my life, I cared about others more then I thought about myself. Other people needed help, and I wanted to see them get help from the LORD, rather than trying to do it by their own ability.

When our will becomes the same as God's will, then we will walk in victory in our lives, and

we will see God working in the lives of others around us. We need to see the results of our prayers being answered when we pray. Then we will have peace and joy in our lives as well.

Peace and joy in our lives is an indication that the Kingdom of God is reigning in our lives. Romans 14:17 says, **“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”** When the things of God are more important to us than the things of this world, then we will have peace and joy in our lives here on earth.

To have this peace and joy, we must be in “relationship to God” by the new birth (John 3:6). We must also be in “fellowship with God,” by walking in the Light of His Word. As it says in 1 John 1:4, **“And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”** Our joy can be full, if we will walk in the light as God is in the light.

As for me, I never want to go back to the time when things were not working out in my life. I never want to be depressed because I could not change things for my good. I want to have peace and joy in my life, every day I live on this earth.

The way to have all things working together for our good is to have “fellowship with God” every day. When we have “fellowship with God” every day, our lives will be days of peace and joy.

WHY WALK IN THE LIGHT?

Christians, who do not walk in the light usually do not get their prayers answered. When they do not get their prayers answered, they turn to other Christians, asking them to pray for them. Many times the prayers of others do not help.

When we pray we should expect to get our prayers answered. God promises us in His Word, that when we pray we should get our prayers answered. In 1 John 5:14,15 it says, **“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us...And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”**

Praying without confidence in our prayers will not avail much. We must pray, believing in our heart, that whatsoever we pray for, our prayer will be answered.

Every day, we face the attacks of the enemy, trying to get us to doubt the Word of God and live by the circumstances before us. Satan wants us to accept his way of living in this world, by walking by sight rather than by faith.

To have faith in God, we must have confidence in the Word of God that, when we pray, our prayer will be answered. It is a joy to see our prayers answered when we pray.

Have you ever noticed all the vehicles sitting along the highway while you are going someplace? Those vehicles stopped running for some reason. The owners of these vehicles had a situation that caused them some difficulty. Their vehicle stopped running and they were looking for help. These situations happen when someone’s vehicle needs repair.

I was driving my vehicle on the highway one day. My vehicle had about 170,000 miles on it. As I was driving along at about 55 miles per hour, the engine began to knock. It sounded like a bad rod bearing. I began to pray, *“LORD, I do not need a bad engine. I need Your help LORD.”* Then I spoke to the engine in my vehicle, saying, *“In the name of Jesus, I command this knocking to stop. I command this engine to work in Jesus’ name.”*

I kept on driving and within about fifteen minutes, the knocking stopped. That engine never did start knocking again as long as I had that vehicle. When that vehicle got to about 197,000 miles, I gave it to a Boys Home, where they repair vehicles and resell them.

When we pray, we should have confidence in our prayers being answered. Many Christians today do not even pray. They do not think it will do any good to pray. When they have a problem with their vehicle, the first thing they do is go and find someone who can repair it. I like it better, when we can pray and keep on going, not needing to get our vehicles repaired by someone else. The LORD is still God with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Christians should expect the LORD to answer their prayers when they pray.

There are times in our lives when we do not always do what we know to do. When that happens the enemy gets us into situations we should not be in.

Just because we get ourselves into a situation that we should not have gotten into, that does not mean the LORD will not help us get out of that situation.

One time I was planning to go and visit a brother in the LORD about 350 miles from where I lived. I had made these plans already days before I was to leave. My plans were to leave early in the morning and get to this brother's home by about 1:00pm that day.

But, things did not work as I had planned. I was doing some work for another person that took much longer than I had planned. It so happened that I ended up working all night one night, and even all morning the day I wanted to leave. By this I did not get any rest.

I still wanted to get to my brother in the LORD's house that day. So, I called him and told him I would be a little late. I hoped to get there by about 6:00pm that day.

I left about 12:00pm that day, driving without any sleep the night before. I drove about six hours straight. I was getting sleepy, but I did not stop. I just kept on driving, trying to stay awake.

As I was driving through a city, I came to a stoplight over the intersection. I did not notice the stop light had turned red until I was already in the intersection. Then I noticed it was red, and I should have stopped. At the same time I noticed a Police vehicle waiting to cross the intersection from the other direction. There were other vehicles waiting at that intersection also.

If it had not been for the LORD protecting me, I could easily have gotten into an accident with one of the vehicles coming from the other direction. Just as I crossed the intersection, the Police vehicle turned on his light and followed me.

I knew I had gone through a red light, and I knew the Police vehicle was wanting me to pull over. In my spirit, I knew I was at fault. When I pulled over, I immediately got out of my vehicle and walked over to the Police vehicle behind me. I said to the Officer, *"I know it was my own fault. I didn't see the red light until I was already in the intersection."*

The officer said to me, *"Please get back in your vehicle and wait there."* Then he came over to my vehicle and asked for my drivers license. The officer then took my drivers license with him and went back into his vehicle.

All the time the officer was back in his vehicle, I was praying. First I asked the LORD to forgive me for not stopping and resting along the way. I confessed it to the LORD that I should have known better than to keep driving when I was sleepy. Then I prayed in the Spirit all the time I waited for the officer to come back from his vehicle.

When the officer came back he asked me, *"How long have you been driving?"* I told him I left Milwaukee about 12:00pm and have been driving about six hours. Then he said to me, *"You*

should have stopped along the way and gotten out of your vehicle and just walked around a little. It would have kept you from getting sleepy.” Then he said, *“You know, you could have gotten in an accident, and someone could have been killed.”* Then he asked me, *“Where are you headed for?”* I told him where I was going (which was only about fifteen miles away). He then said to me, *“You will be ok now, it will not take long to get there.”* The officer did not give me a ticket. He gave me back my drivers license and let me go.

Christians should never let themselves get into situations that could cause problems for others. If we do make a mistake, we should confess it to the LORD as sin. We should always tell the truth and the LORD will help us out. The truth will always set us free. Christians should walk by faith in what God can and will do.

I praise the LORD that He is always there and ready to help us when we need help. Grace is for those who repent and confess their sins (1 John 1:9). The LORD will get us out of situations, if we maintain our “relationship and fellowship” with God, by ***“walking in the light as He is in the light”*** (1 John 1:6,7).

WALK IN THE LIGHT

As Christians, we must know and understand what the Apostle John is telling us in the Epistles of John. Walking in the Light means “walking in love with everyone.”

- (1) Walking in love with God.
- (2) Walking in love with others in the body of Christ.
- (3) And walking in love toward those who are not Christians.

This love, must be “agape” love, which is “unconditional love.” We must love everyone, even when they do not love us.

Jesus told us in John 17:16, we are in this world, but we are not of this world. Being in the world, we must keep up our fellowship with the Father and the Son, that Satan does not get an advantage over us.

There are many things that Christians have overlooked (or have not seen), when it comes to ***“walking in the Light.”*** Therefore, to walk in the Light we must have fellowship with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3-5). When we have fellowship with the Father and the Son “daily,” all our sins are cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:6,7). Being cleansed from all sin, the Holy Spirit can work in our lives to keep us from whatsoever the Devil tries to do. The Holy Spirit can also lead, help, guide, comfort, and teach us.

If we “are not” walking in the Light, then the Holy Spirit is hindered from helping us in the times of need. Therefore, we must walk in the Light daily, and keep our communications open between ourselves and the Holy Spirit within us.

The complete Epistle of 1 John is speaking of ***“fellowship with God the Father and Jesus Christ.”*** Being that we are in this world but not of this world, we must keep our focus upon the things above and not on the things of this world.

To truly understand this Epistle of 1 John, we must also understand other things revealed throughout the Scriptures. One thing to understand is that this Epistle is written to Christians.

Being that we are Christians, then we need to understand that God the Father and the Son

dwell in us. In 1 John 5:11,12 it says, **“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son...He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”** In eternal life, we are in Christ Jesus, and He is in us. In 1 John 2:23 it also says, **“Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.”** Therefore, in these verses we know that we are *“in Christ Jesus,”* and both, God the Father and the Son dwell in us.

Jesus spoke of this in John 17:23, saying, **“I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”** Therefore, it is important to understand spiritual things.

We are born again of the Spirit, “into the Spirit of Christ.” The word “Christ” means “the Anointed One.” In Christ (the Anointed One), dwells God the Father, the Son, and also the Holy Spirit. Being “in Christ,” we are one with God. The very life of God dwells in us, and we have eternal life. That makes us related to God by the new birth **“born of the Spirit”** (John 3:6).

There is another thing many Christians do not understand. The way we treat other Christians is the way we treat God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit). When we are talking to another Christian, we are also talking to God, (who is dwelling in that other Christian we are talking to).

We can see this from Acts 9:4,5, where Luke tells us of the Apostle Paul (then Saul of Tarsus). Look at what happened to Saul while on his way to Damascus. It says, **“And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?...And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.”** The Apostle Paul (at that time) thought he was coming against Christians. What Paul did not realize is that when anyone comes against a Christian they are also coming against the LORD (being that the LORD dwells in Christians, and they dwell in the LORD).

This is a spiritual truth that many Christians do not understand. Yet, they do believe in spirits dwelling in people. As an example, when Jesus cast out demons from people, He spoke to the demon in the person and told that demon to come out of the person. The demon had no choice but to obey the LORD and come out of the person.

In the same manner, as demons dwell in people, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit also dwell in Christians (in their spirit; not in their flesh). Therefore, when we talk to a Christian we are also talking to God, who dwells in all Christians.

If you can understand this revelation of spiritual things, then you will begin to understand what it means to have fellowship with God, and walk in the Light.

In 1 John 4:20,21 it says, **“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?...And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.”** We need to understand that “what we say to a brother or sister in the LORD, we are at the same time saying to God.” We can see the person (the brother or sister in the LORD), but we cannot see God dwelling in them.

The spiritual realm is real. God does exist. God dwells in every born again Christian. When we are talking to someone whom we can see, we are also talking to God whom we cannot see. When Christians understand this very important revelation, they should be more concerned about what they say, and how they treat other Christians.

This is the main subject of the Epistle of 1 John. How we treat others who are in Christ, is

the way we treat God Himself. How can Christians have fellowship with God if they do not have fellowship with other Christians in whom God dwells?

This is very serious business. Let us take the example of one Christian telling another Christian a lie. When a Christian lies to another Christian, they are in fact, lying to the Holy Spirit (who dwells in the other Christian).

Look at Acts 5:1-4, which says, **“But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,...And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet...But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?...Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”** This is serious business. When Christians lie to another Christian, they are in fact lying to the Holy Spirit.

Ananias and Sapphira died because they lied to Peter. The Holy Spirit was in Peter, and when Ananias and Sapphira lied to Peter, they were also lying to the Holy Spirit.

How many Christians today are doing the same thing that Ananias and Sapphira did? How many Christians today are telling other Christians lies, to try to keep them from knowing the truth?

We cannot lie to the Holy Spirit. He knows the truth. He knows every thought that comes to our mind. He knows every word we speak to another Christian.

It is time that Christians understand the importance of **“walking in the Light.”** Walking in the Light has a lot to do with how we treat other Christians. What do we say to other Christians? Are we telling them the truth?

Are other Christians telling us the truth? If they are not, we should be walking in the Light as Peter was walking in the Light. Then the Holy Spirit can reveal to us, those who are lying to us.

It is by our “walking in the Light” that makes it possible for the Holy Spirit to reveal things to us, that we are not deceived by lying spirits. Lying spirits can only operate where people are not “walking in the Light.”

In 1 John 1:5 it tells us, **“...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”** Light has power over darkness. Darkness cannot manifest where there is light. But, light can manifest where there is darkness. When light manifests in the darkness, the darkness must leave. Darkness cannot dwell in the light.

Therefore, if Christians will **“walk in the Light,”** Satan will not be able to do anything that would harm them or cause any situations in their lives that are not good. All the works of evil must stop when we walk in the Light.

When we “walk in the Light,” God is in the Light with us. Where God is, there is no darkness at all. All darkness leaves when the Light comes. All works of the enemy stop when God comes in the Light.

O, how important it is to understand the importance of **“walking in the Light.”** As we are told in 1 John 1:5-7, **“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth...But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”**

My hearts desire is that every born again Christian will “walk in the Light as God is in the Light.” This is the only way to live here on this earth. God knows everything. God is love and God will help us, if we are willing to walk in the light.

The Bible tells us, Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17). We must learn how to live by “**grace and truth**” as the Holy Spirit leads us by the Word.

There is so much more revealed to us in the Epistles of John that we need to understand. As we receive the truth from the Epistles of John we will learn how to “be led by the Holy Spirit and walk by faith.” These are the two main principles for the New Covenant.

It tells us in the New Covenant “**The just shall live by faith**” (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). It is so important that we walk by faith, that it says in Hebrews 10:38, “**Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.**” One thing is for sure, if we do not please God we will never be able to “**walk in the light as He is in the light.**”

It is also necessary for us to be “**taught by God,**” if we are to walk in the light. In 1 John 2:27 it tells us, we must be “taught by the Holy Spirit,” not by man.

As we continue on the subject of walking in the light, let us learn how God teaches us “by the anointing of the Holy Spirit from within our spirit.”

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