

# Walk in the light

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Therefore, confess your sins to one another and  
pray for one another, that you may be healed.  
The prayer of a righteous person has great  
power as it is working.

(James 5:16)

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## Walk in the light

The people who walked in darkness Have seen **a great light**; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. (Isa 9:2)

The people who sat in darkness have seen **a great light**, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." (Mat 4:16)

Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly **a great light** from heaven shone around me. (Act 22:6)

What happens to the one who becomes a disciple of Christ Jesus? He receives the light of Christ in his life. We, His disciples, walked once in darkness until the time we saw the "great light". That light shone brightness into our minds and then we were able to see who we really were. Until that moment we were haughty, proud and arrogant. We thought that we were the center of the universe and everything and everyone would revolved around us. In our minds, because we knew how to do "two or three math calculations", we considered ourselves smart, wise and we did need nobody. We were owners of our own nose, of our own lives, of our own counsel, of our own destiny. We were independent - walking in darkness. Despite of not knowing, "dwelt in the region and shadow of death". And was from there that we saw the "great light", and this light shone upon us.



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)

For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. (Eph 5:8-10)

And if Jesus is light...

## Walk in the light is walk in Jesus

But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (1Jo 2:5-6)

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Col 1:27)

To walk in darkness is carnal, but to walk in the light is spiritual. The one who walks in Christ will desire to walk in the light, since there is no communion between light and darkness.

The heart of the disciple has a desire for walking in the light, because he desires to be in communion with Christ.

To look unto Jesus drive us to the light, for He is the light.

What hope do we have to walk in the light other than “Christ in us is the hope of glory”?

## The danger of walk in darkness

### What are the consequences to conceal the sin?

Some are afraid of bring his life into the light, nevertheless the most damage is found when sin is hidden. When the sin is concealed is when the damage is real.

#### a) Guilty

We call it **bad conscience**. It hit us hard every time we are before God or before the brothers. The bad conscience – to know that something is hidden, that there is something inside of us that no one knows. God does not want it to be concealed, but I keep it locked inside of myself. Those who insist on that, become hypocrites and make shipwreck of their faith. (1Ti 1:5,19; 3:9; Pro 28:13)

Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith. (1Ti 1:5)

## b) Physical disease

When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. (Psa 32:3)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones. (Pro 3:5-8)

Obs: There are diseases not related to hidden sin.

## c) Will always be a failure

He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes *the* will have mercy. (Pro 28:13)

## d) The communion with God and Christ's body is broken

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1Jo 1:6-7)

## What is to walk in the light?

Walk in the light is to become clearly seen, become known, show yourself as you are.

Walk in the light is to confess, tell the truth and take responsibility for your actions.

When man is reached by the light of Christ, he is faced against his own image, with what he really is. When that happens, he tends to three basic attitudes:

- . He hides the sin;
- . He disguises, treating it superficially;
- . He confesses, bringing it into the light.

a) Hiding sin

He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence. (Psa 101:7)

That is the first reaction that every man has when facing error, facing sin.

This reaction happens instinctively and was what has done:

- Adam - Gen 3:9-11 - "I was afraid and I hid myself";
- Cain - Gen 4:8-10 - (hid);
- Achan - Jos 7:1,10-11;
- David - 2Sa 11:12;
- Ananias and Sapphira - Act 5:1-11 (hid).

From whom we hide?

The questions then come up: From whom we hide? From God?

Examples:

<b>Adam</b> Gen 3:9-11	<b>God Asks</b>	<b>We Ask</b>
	<i>Where are you?</i>	Was not God seeing?
	<i>Who told you?</i>	Did not God see?
	<i>Have you eaten?</i>	Did not God know?

<b>Cain</b> Gen 4:9-10	<b>God Asks</b>	<b>We Ask</b>
	<i>Where is your brother?</i>	Did not God know?
	<i>What have you done?</i>	



<b>Achan</b> Jos 7:11-15	<b>God says to man</b>	<b>We Ask</b>
	<i>v.11: Israel has sinned... put them among their own belongings.</i>  <i>v.13: There are devoted things in your midst.</i>	Did not God know where was it?  Did not God know who was it?

<b>David</b> 2Sa 12:1-7	<b>God says to man</b>	<b>We Ask</b>
	<i>And THE LORD sent Nathan to David... to ask about a lamb</i>	Did not God know what David had done? Who showed Nathan that?

<b>Ananias and Sapphira</b> Act 5:1-11	<b>God says to man</b>	<b>We Ask</b>
	<i>Peter asks the price of the property.</i>	Did not God know the value?

Why is asking God when He knows already everything? Why God does that? Did God know or not? God always gives us an opportunity for our own confession, before uncover us, before reveal our sin.

For sure God knew about all and everything, still the Lord was introducing a healing principle to men - the confession, walk in the light, transparency and repent. God gives men all the opportunities until, Himself, give men away and his sin through words of wisdom, dreams and etc. If you do not speak He will reveal it. God brings into the light, for in His house there might be no darkness. God knows if sin remains

hidden within men will cause a terrible damage, the lost communion with Him.

He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence. (Psa 101:7)

The question was:	<b>Of whom we hide?</b>
The answer is:	<b>Of one another.</b>

b) We treat it superficially

Many of us have heard the word about “the digging”, open deep trench (Luk 6:46-49), and have been treating this subject superficially. Acting exactly in the same way as the man who built his house on sand. Therefore, as the man in this scripture, he does not want to have the trouble of digging, of open a deep trench. Would be maybe willing to dig it, but not to the bottom of it.

Attitude of superficiality:

1. We transfer our guilt

That is really old – Adam blamed God and the woman, and Eve blamed the serpent. We are always looking for something or someone that would take our blame (Heb 4:13).

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (2Co 5:10)

2. We justify sin

We are able to extensively explain the circumstances and factors that had influence on it.

What are we trying to say? That sin was almost inevitable? (1Co 10:12-13; Heb 2:14-18; 4:13-16).

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (1Co 10:13)

3. We rationalize sin

Many people affirm that the guilt feeling was conditioned through religion and by eliminating religion we can solve the guilt.

Nowadays, many have eliminated religion, but the conflicts and perturbations have yet grown.

4. We resort to quick scapes

Many of people seek for distraction. They get a busy schedule, programs and entertainment to avoid the conflictive internal reality.

5. We attack the effects of sin with medication

Tranquilizers usage.

Beloved, the cure is in the confession, in walk in the light. The Holy Spirit is giving us great opportunity to adjust our lives up to where we are now. The darkness is the kingdom of Satan, we must have nothing of it within us.

OBS: There are diseases not related to hidden sin.

c) Confessing our sins

To read: 1Jo 1:5-9; Eph 5:8-14; Joh 3:19-21.

These texts speak of confession, to reveal what is hidden, concealed in the shadows. In other words, to become visible.

Hence, when the scriptures tells us to confess it is to be done one to another.

So we can walk in the light and have fellowship with one another.

Always when we observe people getting apart, hiding or full of excuses, it produces in us concern, because we know there is some problem in that heart. However, the Lord reveals, bringing into the light all that is hidden or concealed.

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. (1Co 4:5)

Always when we confess, God will treat us accordingly to his mercy and not to our sin, but with judgement to the one who hides.

Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, and teach me Your statutes. (Psa 119:124)

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. (Psa 103:10)

## 1. What is to confess?

To Confess is to say with conviction and repent: "I have sin... I sinned. It is different from tell, once a confession is always accompanied by repent. Additionally, different from tell what happened. It involves the repentance, the humiliation and to declare, with all the clarity, what it is sin.

But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great. (Luk 6:46-49)

How many of us came to the Lord? How many heard the Lord? How many are doing what the Lord has told us to do? Everyone who hear it and do it, He says, are like the wise man that laid the

foundation onto the rock, Jesus. Thus, if you want to have a solid foundation to dig a deep trench is needed.

What do we have to dig? Everything inside us that is sin. Everything that comes from my own will, but not from the Lord's must be removed and casted away until the rock be found and the foundation be laid.

Now, if something is left behind concealed this house will be constantly shaken, because the accuser has what to accuse and bring condemnation into your conscience as well as before the throne of God. Then the blood of Christ cannot operate, for it only purifies what has been brought into the light, has been confessed.

Consequently, we must dig a deep trench and clean it up. It is the opportunity to bring absolutely everything into the light.

Again, be careful when bringing into the light all the things of our lives, not to leave something behind, because of fear or shame. Such thing will prevent the foundation to be in contact with the rock, Jesus Christ.

But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the Lord; and be sure your sin will find you out. (Num 32:23)

## 2. Confess to whom?

- . Unto God;
- . To the one I offended;
- . To one another.

Correction: There is not take the microphone or publish in the newspaper, but seek your discipler and your companion and confess.

Some do confess, but are afraid of being exposed. What does they want preserve? Are them afraid of losing what? What happened to David 3000 years ago? We do not know how David physically looked like, but we know that he sinned and with

whom he sinned. Why? Because God himself exposed him for all the ages.

### 3. There is forgiveness only for confessed sin

The blood of Jesus only purifies what is in the light. Only the confession with repent can produce healing and forgiveness.

When we concealed our sin, we are seeking our own justice. There is even the one who goes through penitence, fasting, praying, vigils etc. However, God completely rejects such things (Isa 43:24-26).

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *ou* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1Jo 1:9)

There is no forgiveness only for what has not been confessed, brought into the light. Our justice is Christ. We must fear to have something hidden, but not be afraid of bringing it into the light. Confession is the healing that God has established for our conflicts.

### 4. What is the real motivation to hide sin?

If I have covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding my iniquity in my bosom, because I feared the great multitude, and dreaded the contempt of families, so that I kept silence and did not go out of the door. (Job 31:33-34)

Since Adam until now the worry to preserve our self image is our real motivation to hide faults and sins.

## Conclusion

Do not look to yourself, look to Christ Jesus - THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! Seek your disciple and confess, open your heart. Receive the forgiveness of the Lord and be healed.