

## DOING IT GOD'S WAY

1 John 1:6-2:2

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** Nobody likes to be told what, when, where or how to do things and that includes one's relationship with God. Most people don't like to be told how to approach God for usually people have their own ideas about getting God's approval, if ever needed. Nobody wants to be told that he/she is worshiping wrong, that he/she has no good credibility with God or that he/she is just unacceptable to God. Nevertheless, it is sad but true that most people think that they can handle things with God their own way and they are wrong. There is but one way to have fellowship with God.

### I. NOBODY CAN HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND STILL WALK IN THEIR SIN (vv6-7)

1. Walking in sin is what the Bible calls "walking in darkness..."

- The world is in the dark (unknowing) about God.
  - People cannot see God nor talk directly with God nor can they hear God.
  - People know only physical and worldly things and will never be able to penetrate into the spiritual world.
  - No matter how hard a person tries or the method he/she uses, entering into the spiritual world and having fellowship with God will never happen.
- People don't know exactly how God wants them to live.
  - If a person cannot communicate with God then that person has no way to find God nor find out how God wants him/her to live.
  - God has to come to earth to reveal Himself to people for there is no other way a person can ever have fellowship with God.
- People are foolish for they reject the Son of God who came to reveal God to mankind.
  - People say that they can find God on their own and don't need Jesus.
  - People believe that they can get God to accept them by using their own plans and ideas.
  - People believe that they can do enough certain things that God will be pleased and approve them for His fellowship.
  - People think that if they believe in God and do things half-right, then his/her belief and good deeds will cause God to accept them.
- By taking any approach to God other than by Jesus, God's Son, one is not taking God's only way and is taking a false approach by being untruthful.
  - If a person says that he/she is saved and then continues to live in the darkness of this world he/she is lying for God is light and therefore if a person continues to walk in darkness, he/she does not know God.
    - Light and darkness cannot be together.
    - Every person must choose whether to live in God's light or in the world's darkness.
  - *John 1:5, 10; 3:19; 4:10; 8:19; 14:9; 1 John 1:6*

### II. WHAT IS THE LIGHT OF GOD?

1. The light of God is the revelation of God, Himself.

- Jesus came to earth to reveal God and having the very nature of God, He has shown exactly what God is like.
- If a person walks in the light of Jesus Christ, then there is fellowship with Jesus, with God and with all other believers.

- As Jesus was in constant fellowship with God while on earth, the believer is in constant fellowship with Jesus, God, and all other believers.
    - ***John 14:6; 17:3; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 3:20***
  - It is impossible to walk in both the light and darkness at the same time.
2. The light of God is the revelation of just how God wants people to live their lives.
- When Jesus was here on earth, He showed people exactly how to live, what God expects.
  - Walking in the light of Jesus means then that His blood has cleansed the believer from sin.
  - People choose how they want to live, to do their own thing and have:
    - ignored God
    - neglected God
    - disbelieved God
    - disobeyed God
    - cursed God
    - rebelled against God
    - rejected God.
  - People are guilty of offending God and of breaking God's law.
    - The guilty who break the law has to pay the penalty unless someone else pays it for them, and that is what Jesus has done.
      - Jesus faced the judgment for mankind.
      - Jesus suffered the punishment for mankind.
      - Jesus bore the condemnation for mankind.
  - The blood of Jesus was shed upon the cross for people.
    - To walk in the light of Christ means that one walks believing that Christ died for him/her, that His blood cleanses from sin and that one is free from the guilt of sin.
    - When one walks in the light of Christ, God sees that person's sins covered by the blood of Jesus and God accepts that person.
  - The blood of Jesus continually cleanses the believer from sin all day long and every day.
3. No person can erase his/her sins of his/her past and no person has any way to pay the penalty and judgment of his/her sins that have already been committed.
- The penalty has to be paid by Someone who is perfect and no person is except Jesus.
  - No person is acceptable to God unless he/she is free of sin, unless his/her sins are cleansed and forgiven through the blood of Jesus.
    - ***Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:8-9; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7***

## CONCLUSION:

1. Every human being is born a sinner, in spiritual darkness and knows not God.
2. Only God's way will enable a person to ever know God.
3. Jesus came to reveal God to people and to reveal how God wants people to live.
4. Jesus paid the price God requires for sin and only through Jesus can a person ever have fellowship with God.
5. No amount of anything done by a person can gain acceptance of God.
6. What does Jesus mean to YOU? Have YOU done things "God's Way"?
7. Do YOU know for sure that you have been accepted by God?

