

SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE TO DO

1 John 1:6-7

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Sadly, there are countless people who think that if they recognize God and worship Him that they are acceptable to God and that they don't need anybody else to help them in their relationship with God and that they can live their lives any way they choose, just as long as they put God in somewhere. In other words, there are countless people who believe that they can be alright with God and still live their lives in darkness and sin. This is just impossible to do!

I. IT WAS NECESSARY FOR JESUS TO COME

1. Why was it necessary for Jesus, the Son of God to come to earth?
 - People and their world are living in a "darkness."
 - People don't have any idea of how God wants them to live.
 - Nobody knows, sees or talks with God for they are only aware of the physical things around them.
2. How can anybody ever come to know God and have some sort of relationship with Him?
 - People cannot nor know how to establish a relationship with God.
 - God had to come to this world and reveal Himself to people.
 - God sent His Son, Jesus, to open the eyes and hearts of people so they can know God.
3. People have always had wrong ideas of how to have a relationship with God.
 - People think that they can find God on their own.
 - People believe that simply by using their own ideas they can become acceptable to God.
 - People believe that they can use their own selves to please God and win His approval.
 - People think that if they believe in God and live as best as they can then that will be enough to receive God's approval.
4. The Bible, God's Word clearly states that everybody lies and does not know the truth about God.
 - No matter how many good works one does, he/she is still not perfect.
 - The only way one can ever hope to know God as he/she should is for God to reveal Himself.
 - Anything other than going through Jesus Christ, God's Son, is the wrong way.
 - John 1:5, 10; 3:19; 4:10; 8:19; 14:9; 1 John 1:6

II. PEOPLE CANNOT HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND STILL LIVE IN "DARKNESS"

1. God's light is God revealing Himself.
 - God has revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ who has shown people exactly what God is like.
 - Jesus has shown people just how God wants everyone to live their lives here on earth.
 - To walk in God's light is first to believe in God's Son, Jesus and then follow His example.
 - Following Jesus brings fellowship with Him and with God, the Father, and with other believers.
 - It is impossible for a person to walk in God's light and darkness at the same time. It is one or the other, not both at the same time.
 - John 14:6; 17:3; 1 John 1:3, 7; Revelation 3:20
2. The blood of Jesus cleanses those who believe in Him from all their sin.
 - For a person to live as he/she wants and to do his/her own thing is to:
 - ignore God
 - neglect God
 - not believe God
 - disobey God

- curse God
- rebel against God
- reject God
- When anybody transgresses God's law, that person has broken God's law and a penalty must be paid.
 - Either that person or someone else must pay the penalty.
 - Jesus came to reveal God to people, but also to pay for the sins of all people.
 - Jesus died for the sins of people.
 - Jesus faced the judgment of God for people.
 - Jesus suffered the punishment for people.
 - Jesus took on the condemnation for people.
- To walk in the light of Jesus means to live believing that Jesus Christ died for everyone.
 - The blood of Jesus "cleanses" those who believe in Him continually and covers all sins.
- To live in fellowship with Jesus one is constantly aware of his/her sins and continually confessing those sins.
- To live in fellowship with Jesus is an all day, every day thing.

CONCLUSION:

1. Nobody can do away with any of his/her sins.
2. Nobody has any way to pay the penalty and judgment for his/her sins that is acceptable to God.
3. Payment has to be made in some way for one's sins.
4. Jesus Christ, God's Son, came to earth to reveal God and to take on everyone's sins and become the substitute for every person.
 - Jesus died for every single person.
 - Jesus' death covers the sins of everyone who will believe in Him.
5. No person is acceptable to God until he/she is free of sin and his/her sins have been cleansed and forgiven through the blood of God's Son, Jesus Christ.
6. Do you now understand that there is no way one can ever become acceptable to God except through God's Son, Jesus Christ?