

A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

(Overcoming Sin)

INTRODUCTION

- Forgiveness through Christ is a blessing at baptism (Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:34).
- We still struggle with sin even after becoming Christians.
- Read: 1 John 1:5-10 Walk in the light.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT (1 John 1:5-10)

- God is light pure and without darkness.
- Walk in light live honestly, confess sin.
- Walking in darkness denial and deception.
- Fellowship and cleansing through Christ's blood (v.7).
- Confession and forgiveness God is faithful (v.9).
- Danger of self-deception (v.8).
- Contradicting God calling Him a liar (v.10).

BEING WATCHFUL

- Ephesians 5:15-16 Walk wisely; redeem the time.
- 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober and vigilant; Satan is like a roaring lion.

OVERCOMING SIN

- 1 John 2:12 Two responses: Avoid sin / Know what to do when we sin.
- Jesus is our Advocate and Propitiation.

HOW SIN DEVELOPS (James 1:12-15)

- Trials are from God to build faith (v.12).
- Temptation arises from within (v.13-14).
- Sin results from acting on temptation (v.15).
- Death is the result of unrepented sin (v.15).

THE 3 STAGES OF SIN

- 1. Temptation = Desire + Opportunity
 - Example: Child and cookies
 - Not sin yet (Heb. 4:15; 2:18)

- 2. Sin = Desire + Opportunity + Action
- 3. Death = Consequence of unrepented sin
- Isa. 59:12 Separation from God
- Rev. 21:8 The second death

FINAL EQUATION

- Desire + Opportunity + Action + No Forgiveness = Death
- Desire + Opportunity + Action + Confession = Grace

CONCLUSION

- God gives us His Word, Spirit, and Son.
- Walk in the light daily 1 John 1:7.
- James 4:8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.