

Sunday, 27 April 2008

[1 John 1:4-10](#)

1John 1:4-10 And we write these things to you so that your joy may be full. And this is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to 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 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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

Do you need some Light?

Other than the norm of looking at the darkness of sin, I would like to look at another type of darkness today because, as the very first sentence states, this passage was written to ensure that our joy could be full. So, what is this darkness that I am talking about? Well, let us look at some examples.

It may be the darkness brought into your life by pain, and sorrow. Is the pain that you are carrying inside you becoming so overwhelming that it is the cause of darkness, resulting in the fact that the Light of Jesus becomes only a dim flicker of light in your day to day living?

Is your darkness caused by depression? Have the worries of life become so overwhelming that you simply don't see how it will ever get better, resulting in your becoming depressed? Or is it more of a feeling of hopelessness that you are experiencing? Often, situations seem so bad, that we simply don't see the possibility of things ever getting better again.

Maybe your darkness is caused by a hunger. You may hunger for Love, for Acceptance, for Security, or for God - or maybe it is simply a hunger for food. A hunger like this can cause you to experience a darkness or void which you search to fill. But where is the answer?

God is the Light.

God knows you, and he knows about all your pain and suffering. God would like to help you with this. He is the God that heals. Have you asked Him to assist you in your darkness? Are you feeling depressed or fearing that all is hopeless? Well, looking at 1 Cor. 13, we see that of the three gifts that will remain at the end, one will be hope. "Only three remains, faith, hope and Love". We serve a God that has taught us that all things are possible for Him. Even when we don't see a way, God will surely make one. All we need to do is to have faith in God's promises to us, and to know that hope remains.

And hunger? If you have a hunger for Love, then know that God loves you so much - to the extent that He gave His son to die for you. Acceptance? As the old song says,... "Just as I am..." God created you, and He loves you, faults and all. He would like to make you a child of God, and a prince or princess. Should you be yearning for the security and closeness of God, He is waiting for you right now. You don't have to wait any longer. God is light, and He would like to take care of all the darkness that is bothering you. Are you willing to give Him a chance?

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