

April 3, 2022

*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*

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1 John 1:5-2:6

**“Moral Test #1 – Part 2”**

I. Prologue [Introduction] – 1:1-4

II. Cycle (Spiral) #1 – 1:5-2:27

A. Moral Test #1 – 1:5-2:6

1. The Standard (Criterion) – 1:5 – Light

2. The S\_\_\_\_\_ (C\_\_\_\_\_ ) – 1:6-10

3. The S\_\_\_\_\_ (C\_\_\_\_\_ ) – 2:1-2

4. The S\_\_\_\_\_ (C\_\_\_\_\_ ) – 2:3-6

## Discussion & Application:

1. What does God think of sin? (List verses) Why is it that we often don't think of sin the same way that God does? What daily practices would help us view sin the same way that God does?
2. What does the word "walk" mean? How does it relate to the word "practice" in 1 John 1:6? Is John saying we must achieve sinless perfection to go to heaven? If not, what is he saying?
3. What does the phrase mean, "He talks the talk, but he doesn't walk the walk"? What might this look like in daily life?
4. List as many reasons as you can think of as to why a person would say they have ongoing fellowship with the God who is light and yet continue to walk in darkness.
5. John says the person who lives that way is lying. It could be a willful lie (they know they are lying) or it could be that they are deceived. What specific Gnostic heresies would contribute to this kind of deception? What false teaching today (secular or religious) might lead a person to claim to be right with God even though their behavior is sinful?
6. How does lying about having fellowship with God impact our fellowship with one another?
7. Think about the typical way you "fellowship" with other believers. How might our fellowship be different if we were all walking in the Light as He Himself is in the Light? Be specific.
8. Since none of us can walk perfectly in the light, what provision has God made for us in verse 7? What kind of "cleansing" is John referring to in this verse?
9. Why does John refer to the blood of "Jesus His Son"? What specific Gnostic heresies is John addressing here? Why is this important? What other religions and cults are still promoting these heresies about Jesus?
10. Apply this test from the Apostle John in your own life right now. Are you walking the talk? Is this the characteristic pattern of your life? Are there any sinful areas of your life that you are currently rationalizing or explaining away? Read **Ps. 15, Ps. 26 and Ps. 139:23-24**. How do these passages on integrity and asking God to evaluate us relate to our passage in 1 John?
11. Read **Job 31:1-34**. Job reveals a test he goes through in his own mind as to his integrity. Would you pass Job's test?
12. **Memorize 1 John 1:6-7**. Meditate on walking "in the Light as He Himself is in the Light." Identify any area of your lifestyle where you are participating in darkness and turn from it (thought, motive, word, or deed). Determine to have fellowship with other believers in the Light.

[Blanks for this week: *Statements; Contrasts*]