

40 DAYS OF
REDEEMING
LOVE LENTEN SERIES
THROUGH 1 JOHN

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In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He existed in the beginning with God.

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1 JOHN 5:11-12

¹¹ And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal **life**, and this **life** is in his Son.

¹² Whoever has the Son has **life**; whoever does not have God's Son does not have **life**.

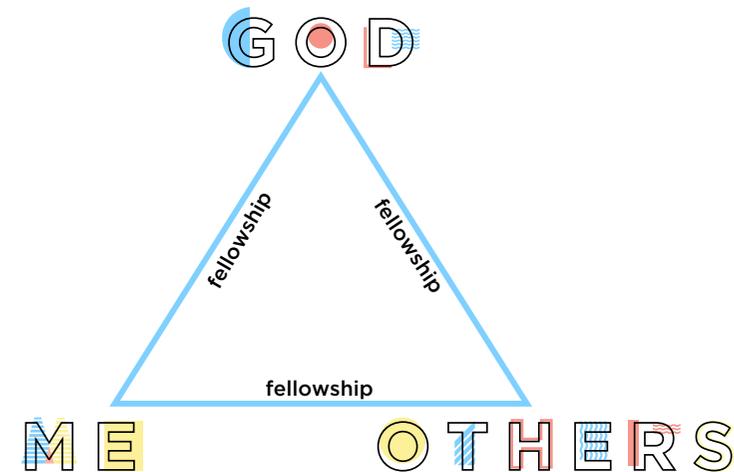
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1 JOHN 1:3-4

³ We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have **fellowship** with us. And our **fellowship** is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

³ We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

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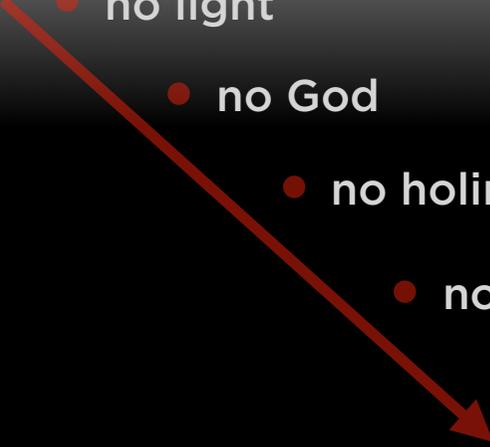
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WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DARKNESS?

- no light
 - no God
 - no holiness *sin*
 - no truth *lies*
 - no life *death*
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JOHN 1:4

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JOHN 12:36

Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.

JOHN 8:12

I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.

EPHESIANS 5:8

For once you were full of darkness but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

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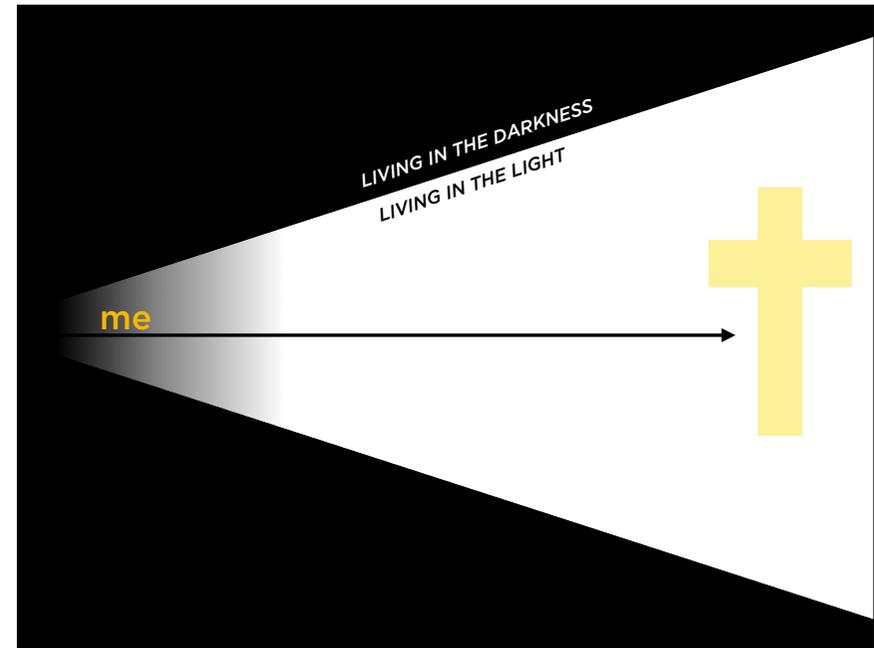
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If you live in the light, it's to fellowship with God, and we have fellowship with others.

And not only so, when you live in the light "the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin."

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having fellowship with God and with others, is walking and living IN the light. it's having accountability as you do life. the moment you hide sins in the dark—that's living in darkness. that's not you completely walking and living in the light.

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When Christians walk in the light, their lives will be known, and will not contain hidden sins, falsehood, deception. this walking in the light results in deep, divine, human fellowship with others and with God. and it's the act of progressive cleansing from all sin.

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1 JOHN 1:8-10

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In confession there takes place a breakthrough to community. Sin wants to be alone with people. It takes them away from the community. The more lonely people become, the more destructive the power of sin over them. The more deeply they become entangled in it, the more unholy is their loneliness. Sin wants to remain unknown. It shuns the light. In the darkness of what is left unsaid sin poisons the whole being of a person...

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In confession the light of the gospel breaks into the darkness and closed isolation of the heart. Sin must be brought into the light. What is unspoken is said openly and confessed. All that is secret and hidden comes to light. It is a hard struggle until the sin crosses one's lips in confession....

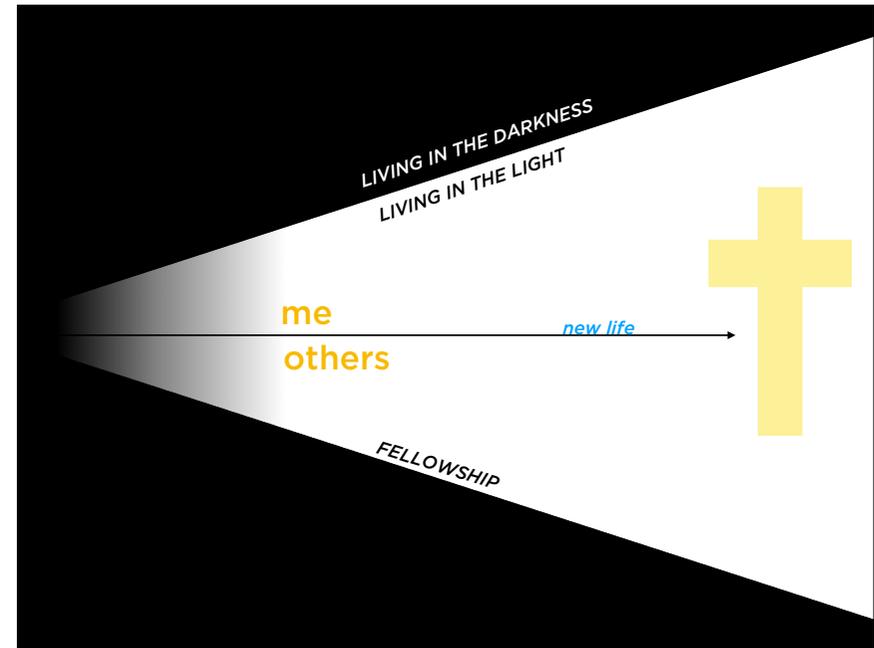
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But God breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron (Ps. 107:16) Since the confession of sin is made in the presence of another Christian, the last stronghold of self-justification is abandoned. The sinner surrenders, giving up all evil, giving the sinner's heart to God and finding the forgiveness of all one's sin in the community of Jesus Christ and other Christians. Sin that has been spoken and confessed has lost all of its power.

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COMMUNITY

- Do you have fellowship / accountability with them?
- Do they have fellowship with God?
- Are you all walking in the light together?

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FAMILY

- Do you have fellowship / accountability with them?
- Do they have fellowship with God?
- Are you all walking in the light together?
- Is there someone in your family you need to confess to and apologise to / reconcile with?

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YOU + GOD

- How is your relationship with God?
- Are you really walking in the light?
- Are there any sins you need to confess to God

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