

How close are we with God?

1 John 1:1 How do we perceive the Word? Are we progressing from hearing it to seeing it to looking at it to handling it?

1 John 1:2 Do we consider there to be life in the Word? (**Hebrews 4:12**) Are we progressing from seeing it to affirming it to proclaiming it?

1 John 1:4 Reference **John 15:11**. The scriptures bring us complete joy.

God is Light—“by nature incorporeal, spotless, holy”ⁱ

1 John 1:5 darkness: skotia (sko-tē'-ä) “metaphorically used of ignorance of divine things, and its associated wickedness and the resultant misery”ⁱⁱ

Are we lying, deceiving ourselves or contradicting His Word?

1 John 1:6 ⁶ If, then, we say that we have fellowship with him, yet at the same time live in the darkness, we are lying both in our words and in our actions. (Good News Translation)

Our Redeemer said, “But whoever practices truth [and does what is right—morally, ethically, spiritually] comes to the Light, so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are—accomplished in God [divinely prompted, done with God’s help, in dependence on Him].” (**John 3:21**, Amplified Bible).

1 John 1:7 Walking in the light of the Word is how we have fellowship with God and one another.

1 John 1:8 sin: hamartia (hä-mär-tē'-ä) “to have done something needing expiation”ⁱⁱⁱ

1 John 1:9 confess: homologeō (ho-mo-lo-ge'-ō) “to confess, i.e. to admit or declare one’s self guilty of what one is accused of”^{iv}

ⁱ "Greek Lexicon :: G5457 (KJV)." Blue Letter Bible. Sowing Circle. Web. 10 Oct, 2015.

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ⁱⁱ "Greek Lexicon :: G4653 (KJV)." Blue Letter Bible. Sowing Circle. Web. 10 Oct, 2015.

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ⁱⁱⁱ "Greek Lexicon :: G266 (KJV)." Blue Letter Bible. Sowing Circle. Web. 10 Oct, 2015.

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⁹ But if we own up to our sins, God shows that He is faithful and just by forgiving us of our sins and purifying us from the pollution of all the bad things we have done. (The Voice)

“Sin interrupts fellowship but cannot change relationship.”^v

1 John 1:10

sinned: hamartanō (hä-mär-tä'-nō) “to wander from the law of God, violate God’s law, sin”^{vi}

¹⁰ For if we take up the attitude “we have not sinned”, we flatly deny God’s diagnosis of our condition and cut ourselves off from what he has to say to us. (J.B. Phillips New Testament)

^{iv} "Greek Lexicon :: G3670 (KJV)." Blue Letter Bible. Sowing Circle. Web. 10 Oct, 2015.

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^v Scofield, C. Scofield III Study Bible-NIV. International ed. Oxford UP, 2004. 1633. Print.

^{vi} "Greek Lexicon :: G264 (KJV)." Blue Letter Bible. Sowing Circle. Web. 10 Oct, 2015.

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