

Leader

1 John 1:5-7 (ESV)

5 And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.
6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Congregation

1John 1:8-10 (ESV)

8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.



The Tests of Life: Truth
1 John 1:5-10

• **Theme:** God is Light. Those who walk in the Light confess their sins & have forgiveness & fellowship. Those who walk in darkness are deceived.



God is Light...No darkness in Him (1:5)

- The purpose of John's Gospel is that we ***believe*** Jesus is the Christ & have life (20:31).
- The purpose of John's Epistle is that those who believe ***know*** they have eternal life (5:13).

God is Light...No darkness in Him (1:5)

- John teaches that God is
 - **Light** (Ch 1,2)
 - **Love** (Ch 3,4)
 - **Life** (Ch 5).
- Then He tests us for truth, love and holiness in our mind, emotions and will.

God is Light...No darkness in Him (1:5)

- In 1Jn 1:5-10 he says 'God is Light' & then tests us for signs of the Light of Truth.
- He **assures** those who walk in the light of truth and **exposes** those who walk in darkness.



Walking in Light...or in Darkness (1:6-10)

- Whether we're walking in Light or in Darkness is shown by handling sin.
- Three scenarios that show whether we are trying to cover or confess our sins:
- Scenario #1 Covering sin: Claim: 'I can fellowship with God in Light and walk in Darkness.' Isaiah 50:11

Walking in Light...or in Darkness (1:6-10)

- **Conclusion:** We are lying and not practicing the truth. [6]
- **Coming to the Light:** The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. [7]
Isaiah 50:10



Walking in Light...or in Darkness (1:6-10)

■ Scenario #2 Covering sin: Claim: 'I don't have any sin (nature)!'

Conclusion: 'We are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.' [8]

■ **Confessing sin:** If we confess our sins He is faithful and righteous to forgive & cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [9]

Walking in Light...or in Darkness (1:6-10)

- Scenario #3 Covering sin: Claim: 'I have not sinned (this sin).' [10]
- **Conclusion:** We call God a liar and His word is not in us. Isaiah 5:20

How He Applies the Truth

■ Progression of Darkness:

- Lying ... deceiving ourselves...calling God a liar

■ Progression of Light:

- Walking in the Light

■  confessing sin...

■  being forgiven

■  being cleansed

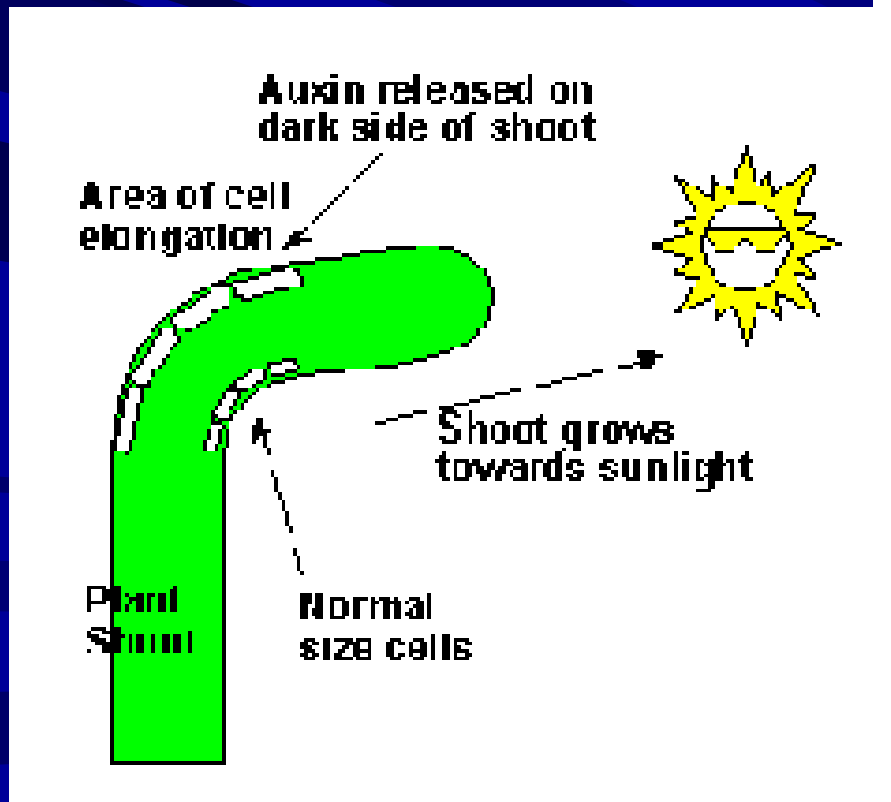
■ John 3:19-21; Prov.4:18-19

How He Applies the Tests (1:1-4)

- Remember!: When we confess your sin God is faithful (to his promise)
- and righteous (to His Law)
- to forgive us (for the debt) and cleanse us (from the stain) of sin.
- **Q.1** Are Truth, Love & Holiness emerging in your life?



Turning toward the light



How He Applies the Tests (1:1-4)

- **Q.2** Will God Assure, Challenge, or Expose you?
- **Come** let us walk in the light of the LORD. Is 2:5
- **Called** us out of darkness into His light. 1Pet 2:9

