

FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH

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⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Matthew 20:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The church carries the message of God is light today.

Matthew 17:2

And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

John 8:12

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

God is light, and light means life.

Proverbs 4:18-19

*But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.*

*19 The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know over what they stumble.*

Matthew 5:21-22

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

The light in our life will continue to grow and grow until we see God sitting on His magnificent and holy throne.

Pride is much more difficult to hold on to, when our posture is confession.

Proverbs 28:13

*Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

Isaiah 6:5

⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Luke 5:8

⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

When we bring our sin to Christ His light is powerful enough to smother the darkness out.

A false gospel will not stand to the trials and realities of life.

Acts 15:1

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

The true gospel of Jesus Christ must be explicit and exclusive.