

BECOMING LIKE JESUS



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1 John 1:6-2:2

6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out 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, purifies us from all sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Becoming like Jesus means:

Walking in the light.

Becoming like Jesus means:

We confess our sins.

By confessing our sins:

We take in the forgiveness of Jesus.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

1 John 1:1

That which was from the beginning, which we have HEARD, which we have SEEN with our eyes, which we have LOOKED AT and our hands HAVE TOUCHED...

“Michelle Williams spent six months in deepest Marilyn-a-philia, emerging with a little-girl-lost despair and a red carpet wiggle (courtesy of a movement coach), as well as the desire to play Marilyn, her childhood heroine, over and over. ‘Because when can you say that you’ve really

solved the riddle?’ she told Vogue. ‘When can you say that you really know her?’”

- Melena Ryzik, “When an Actress Prepares (No Eye Contact)”

What is our response to God’s light in our lives?

CONFESSING OUR SINS

“We never see sin aright until we see it as against God... All sin is against God in this sense: that it is His law that is broken, His authority that is despised, His government that is set at naught... Pharaoh and Balaam, Saul and Judas each said, ‘I have sinned;’ but the returning prodigal said, ‘I have sinned against heaven and before thee;’ and David said, ‘Against Thee, Thee only have I sinned.’”

- W.S. Plumer

5 Human Experiences in Response to God’s Light:

Hypocrisy (1 John 1:6)

Self-Deception (1 John 1:8)

Willful Rebellion (1 John 1:10)

Confession (1 John 1:9)

Fellowship (1 John 1:7)

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Fellowship:

1 John 1:7

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, purifies us from all evil.

“Fellowship involves partnership, compatibility, and agreement. There can be no compatibility between darkness and light. As the saying goes, ‘aso funfun on abawon ki ire’ [Yoruba, Nigeria - ‘a white cloth and a stain never agree’].”

Samuel Ngewa, *Africa Bible Commentary*

“And I just wanna confess ‘cause it's been going on so long
Girl, I've been doing you so wrong and I want you to
know that

Everything that I've been doing is all bad”

- Usher, “My Confessions (Part 1)”

Psalm 32:1-5

1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count
against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my
groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up
my iniquity.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

TAKING IN THE FORGIVENESS OF JESUS

Jesus is faithful.

Jesus is enough.

1 John 1:9

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