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You you Well, it's good to see everyone here. What a blessing. I want to thank everybody for being here. If you have your Bibles, if you could please turn to 1 John, 1 John chapter 5. And what a blessing. I want to thank those that are out on the internet watching. We pray that God would richly bless you. I do want to say that I. PayPal has been down for about a week and a half, but it's back up. So now you can pay by either PayPal or Venmo. So we do want to say if this has been a blessing to you and you like to donate to this ministry, you can right from the website, you can either use PayPal or Venmo.

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So and what A blessing that would be for us. So, if you have your Bibles, 1 John chapter 5. And if you could please stand with me, 1 John chapter 5. I'm sorry, 1 John chapter 1. I'm not, where am I? I knew I was looking at it. And saying I'm in the wrong place. 1 John chapter 1. That's what happens when you come back. 1 John chapter 1, beginning in verse 5, the Bible says, This then is the message which we have heard of him and declare unto you that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one another, and the blood of Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.

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If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar and his word is not in us. Let's pray. Father, we thank you. For this word. We thank you for this book, the Bible, how it gives us comfort in a time of need, how it builds our faith, but most of all, how we learn the promises that you've given us. And Father, I ask you now, Lord, as it also helps us to walk with you. So, Father, may you bless the word as it goes out, bless the hearer, and may it strengthen his faith. And may he be able to walk with you.

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And this I pray in Jesus' name and amen. Well, you could be seated at this time. You know, before a person comes to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, the Bible says that a person is in total spiritual darkness, and this is where all of us when we come into the world. We're spiritually blinded and walking in with a damnation over us and when a soul embraces the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ it is lovingly drawn out of darkness into his marvelous light and and what a blessing. I remember the day when I got Saved. I was all by myself in the tower of my job working in corrections. And with the Bible in my hand and the conviction of my sin upon me, I bowed down my heart and I got on my knees and I called on Jesus to forgive me. And my life was totally changed ever since then. And as I read the Bible now, it dramatically has changed me. So when that, at that point I was moved from darkness into light. Amen. And we know that because it turned with me to Colossians, Colossians chapter one. And I love this passage of scripture.

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Colossians chapter one. Let me find it. Here we go. Look what it says in verse 12. Colossians chapter 1 verse 12 says, Giving thanks unto the Father which had made us meet to be partakers in the inheritance of the saints in light, who had delivered us from the power of darkness and had translated us into the kingdom of his dear son. This is the moment you place your faith and trust in Jesus Christ and his atoning work on the cross, and knowing that he is God who took upon himself a human

body to walk as a man.

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And when you recognize the death, burial, and resurrection, and by Jesus going to the cross, dying for the sins of the world, and when you claim him as Savior. He changes you. Amen. And as a saint in light, the Bible instructs the believer to no longer walk in darkness, but as children of light. And this is the key. Once you get saved, God wants you to what? Begin to walk in his light. And this is a blessing. In John chapter 8, verse 12, Jesus says, then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world.

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He that followeth the shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. And what's he talking about there? He's talking about eternal life. And what a blessing. Walking in the light is contingent upon a personal relationship with Christ and a steadfast commitment to follow him. Amen. And you know so many people they go to church, they say that they believe in God, they're good people, and yes, they are good people. But if they have never been changed, if they have never trusted Christ in saving faith and had been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, they have no understanding what salvation is.

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And it burdens me to know that there's a lot of people that go to church that are in that position. They have religion, but they don't have a personal relationship. They have never by faith trusted Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Bible says in Ephesians chapter 5 verse 8, for ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light and the Lord walk as children of light. And what is it talking about? It's talking about before we got saved, we were walking around in darkness, living for our sin, not understanding or caring about the Savior. Amen. And all of us have. I mean, I can look back in my past. And I know you have a past. Before you got saved, you had a past where you were living for the world, living for the temptations and the lust that you were all involved in. And something happened to you when you got saved. It all changed, amen? It all changed when Christ took you from darkness and translated you into the kingdom of light. In the book of John it lays out several conditions for walking in the light. And if you turn back to first John, look at where it says in first John chapter 1, verse

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8. And I just want to say, in order to walk in the light, we must be willing to number one, see our sins as God sees them. Look what it says in 1 John chapter 1, verse 8. The Bible says, If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have no sin Not sinned, we make him a liar and his word is not in us.

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And how many times I've walked and I've testified of Jesus and the gospel message, and how many times I find people, they say, Well, I'm a good person. " Amen? But they don't understand that a good person, they're not looking looking at their sin. And today we need to understand that we're sinners. And we must recognize what sin is. And before a person can be saved, he must realize that he is lost and that he cannot save himself. And that day I got down on my knees is exactly what I understood that I was a sinner condemned and could not save myself. And had to call on Jesus to forgive me and come into my life. And do you realize that when a person recognizes his sinfulness and need for the Savior, humbly confesses his sin before God and declares Christ as Lord and receives his forgiveness and cleansing, listen, he is graciously saved and adopted as a child of God.

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Quoted, it says, A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. And look at what it says in verse 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another. Isn't that amazing? Love for fellow believers manifests in different ways. And you know what? You can tell. There's a love for fellow believers that the world doesn't have. Amen? In 1 John, go back to 1 John. Look what it says in 1 John chapter 3.

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1 John. First John chapter 3. What it says in verse 10 says, In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil. Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. Whoa, what a sting of a scripture is there, amen. I didn't write that. That's the word of God. To love is a commandment, not an option. And when you recognize that you are walking in light and you stumble in sin, the first thing you need to do is come to 1 John 1, verse 9. Confess before God. And what will He do? He will cleanse you, amen. And He will bring you right back in that relationship. And then also walking. Walking in light is what? Being obedient to his word. You know how many times you need to be in the Bible? You need to be studying, reading his word, allowing his word to change you, to touch your heart.

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Amen. To strengthen you. And then praying. Praying is another thing. You know, that's the basics of your Christianity Bible reading and praying to the Father. Those two things need to be consistent in your life. And obeying what you read, that's the key. And then the love one for another. That is the bind that keeps us together. Amen. When we love one another. So that's how you walk in the light. And my last scripture I want to give is 1 Peter chapter 2 verse 9. You know what it did say?