



*If we confess our sins he is faithful and
just to forgive our sins and to cleanse
us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:9



*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.*

1 John 1:5



In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...the true that light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

John 1:4,5,9



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.

John 8:12



“I am the light of the world.”
John 9:5

So, Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

John 12:35-36



And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:19



If we claim...

Then we lie...

But if we...

1. A denial that sin impacts our relationship with God. (6,7)

2. A denial that we are sinful in our nature. (8,9)

3. A denial that we actually sin at all. (1:10-2:2)



*No human religion takes both sin and
grace equally seriously.*

The gospel does.

FALSE CLAIM # 1:



*If we say we have fellowship with him while
we walk in darkness, we lie and do not
practice the truth.*

John 1:6

GOSPEL TRUTH #1:



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.

1 John 1:7



*FALSE CLAIM # 2: The denial that sin exists
in our nature.*

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

1 John 1:8



GOSPEL TRUTH #2:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9



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

Prov. 28:13



FALSE CLAIM #3: The denial that sin shows up in our actions.

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:10



"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:6

GOSPEL TRUTH #3



My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2



Propitiation

*"The appeasement of the wrath of God
by the love of God through the gift of
God."*



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