

Sermon Notes for July 9, 2006 A.M.

Morning: “Living In The Light” I John 1:5-10

(Pew Bible page 1084) (Joy for the Journey)

The purpose for writing I John is “that your joy may be full.” (I John 1:4) Living in the **light** of the holiness of the Lord Jesus Christ begins this journey of joy. The first steps of a new Christian are out of **darkness** of a hurtful lifestyle into the **light** of a holy lifestyle.

I. The Joy in knowing **Who God is**— He is the only **Light** in this world.

- ❖ LIGHT is the **character** of God. I John 1:5— “. . . God is **light**, and in Him is no darkness at all.”
- ❖ LIGHT is the source of **cleansing** by God. I John 1:7— “But if we walk in the light . . . The blood of Jesus Christ His son **cleanses** us from all sin.”

II. The Joy of knowing **What God will do**— He is daily **Light** for our life.

- ❖ DARKNESS must be **exposed** at the foot of the Cross. I John 1:6— “If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not (practice) the truth.”
 - We are sinners by **nature**. I John 1:8— “If we say that we have no sin (nature), we deceive ourselves . . .”
 - We are sinners by **choice**. I John 1:10— “If we say that we have not sinned (by our acts), we make Him a liar . . .”
- ❖ DARKNESS will be **expelled** by the blood of the Cross. I John 1:9— “If we confess our sins . . .”
 - We are forgiven by **confession**— “If we confess our sins”
 - We are forgiven by **covenant**— “He is faithful and just”
 - We are forgiven with **confidence**— “to forgive us our sins”
 - We are forgiven **completely**— “cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness”
 - We are forgiven to be **changed**— I John 2:1— “My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not (do not practice sin).”