

20210502 Let there be light (Walking in the light)

Deeper into Fellowship and Love Part 3

1 John 1:5-10

1. Origin of darkness and sin

Ezekiel chapter 28, verses 11 to 19.

¹¹ The word of the Lord came to me:

¹² "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: This is what the Sovereign Lord says: "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

¹⁴ You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

¹⁶ Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

¹⁷ Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

¹⁸ By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to

ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching.

¹⁹ All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more."

Isaiah, chapter 14, verses 12 to 15.

¹² How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain.

¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

¹⁵ But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.

Romans, chapter 5, verse 12,

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—

Genesis 3, verse 13,

¹³ "...The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

1 Timothy chapter 2, verse 14.

¹⁴ And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.

Two main points in today's message:

One. The power of walking in the light.

Two. The significance of confession before God.

Jesus came:

**To show us what it meant to walk in the light of God.
To give us the light back.**

Genesis, chapter 1, verse 26.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Matthew 28, verse 18.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Romans 5:17,

¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

1. THE POWER OF WALKING IN THE LIGHT

1 John chapter 1, verses 6 to 7.

⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by 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.

First, Proverbs 7, 1 to 3.

¹ My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you.

² Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.

³ Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

Psalms 119, verse 11, and verse 105.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Matthew, chapter 4, verse 4.

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

John 18, verses 36 and 37.

³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

The word 'testify' here, in the Greek, '*martureo*', meaning "to bear witness".

Many of you already know that, from this word, we also got the word "Martyr".

To experience the manifestation of the Spirit of God among us, we have to begin to speak the truth in faith.

2. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CONFESSION BEFORE GOD

1 John chapter 1, verses 8 to 10.

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 has no place in our lives.

Then how can we come out of that trap again?

Confession! Confession means "TO SAY THE SAME THING" as God says.