

## Questions

1. Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:1-4. What is something in this passage that gives you encouragement?
2. Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5-6. What do these verses tell us about the nature of God? How does the contrast between light and darkness relate to morality?
3. Read John 1:3-5. In what way is this passage describing Jesus as being light (Hint: Stay with the context established by verse 3)? So, back in 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5-6, how does God being light play a part in humans receiving eternal life?
4. In 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5-10, how does John use the phrase "If we say..."? What does it indicate? What are some common man-made "truths" that our culture declares about God?
5. Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:6-7. How can these verses provide a warning to those who profess faith in Christ? Is it possible to persist in unrepentant sin while claiming fellowship with God? Why or why not?
6. Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:8-10. What does it mean if a person claims to be sinless?
7. Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9. What does it mean to confess your sin? Is confession of sin to God (and to others if we have sinned against them) a normal part of your life or something that you resist or only do under duress? Why is confession of sin important?
8. What is the hope for the believer who confesses his/her sin to God?

*After each service, if you need prayer,  
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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*A Sermon Series on 1 John*

# ASSURANCE

## God is Light

**1 John 1:5-10**

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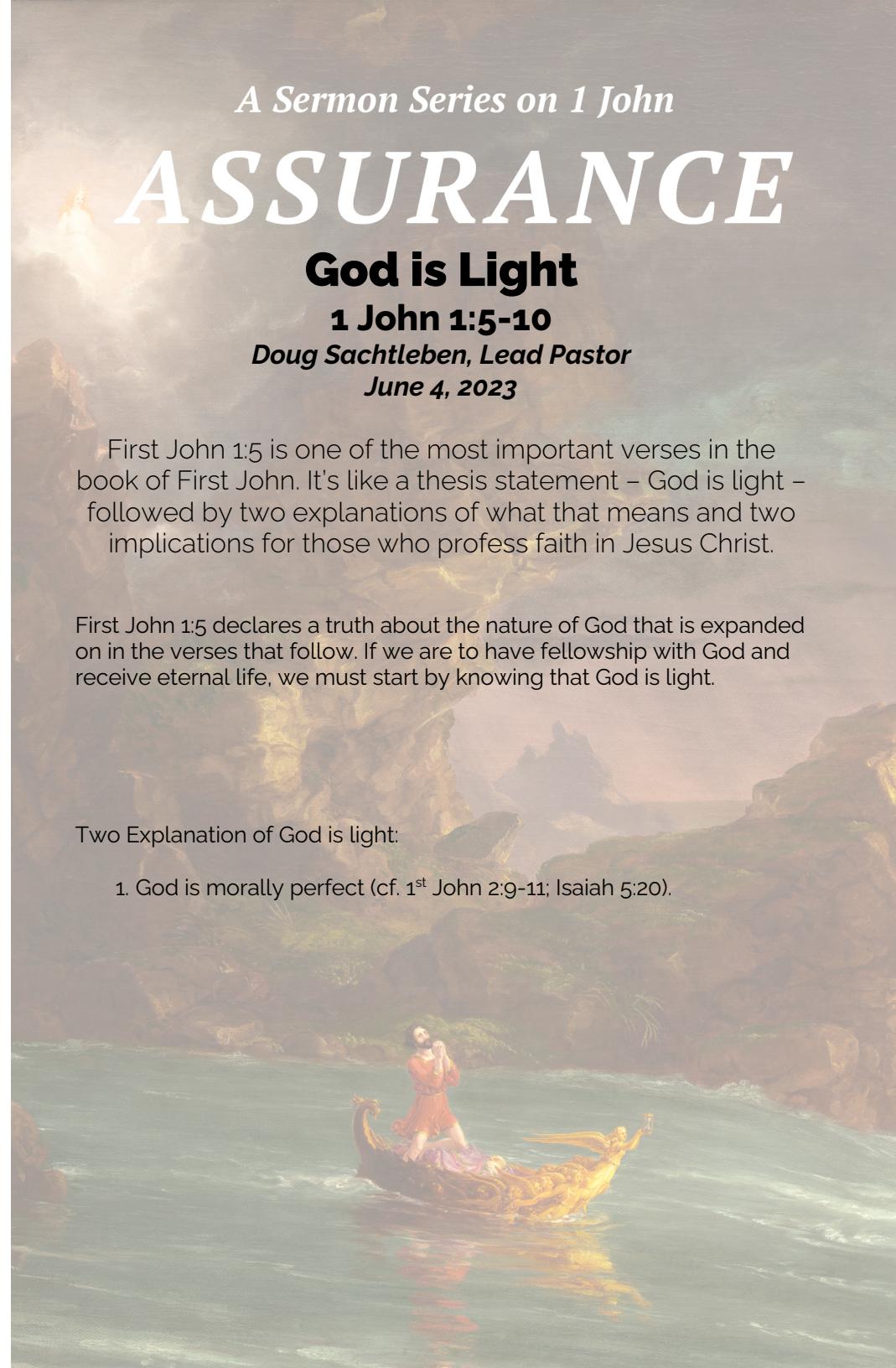
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First John 1:5 is one of the most important verses in the book of First John. It's like a thesis statement – God is light – followed by two explanations of what that means and two implications for those who profess faith in Jesus Christ.

First John 1:5 declares a truth about the nature of God that is expanded on in the verses that follow. If we are to have fellowship with God and receive eternal life, we must start by knowing that God is light.

Two Explanation of God is light:

1. God is morally perfect (cf. 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:9-11; Isaiah 5:20).



2. God is the source of eternal life.

2. We must be humble about our sin.

*In this world there can be no life apart from light. So in the spiritual realm  
God as light is the true source of all life.* D.E. Hiebert

Two Implications of the truth that God is light for those who profess to have fellowship with Him:

1. We must walk in the light.

A final word of assurance for those who walk in the light and are humble about their sin:

God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.