

## **What the Bible tells us**

Walking in the light means fellowship with Christ, doing things that please Christ in our everyday lives and striving to live according to Jesus' instructions given through his teachings. But if we claim to have fellowship with him yet live in darkness, the Bible tells us that we are liars (1 John 1:6). We cannot live in both the light and the darkness. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 6:14 says, 'Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?'

Light has no fellowship with darkness. This means we have to decide whether to move away from darkness and walk in the light or remain in darkness forever, and face the consequences of that darkness.

When we walk in the dark it is difficult to see any danger in the road we are travelling on. When workmen are repairing a road they sometimes dig trenches to reach the water or gas pipe they need to fix. To ensure that the public are safe, they put a sign and direct people to a safer path. In the dark you are more likely to miss the sign and if that happens, you fall into the trench because there is no light.

## **Our lives today**

Many things are happening in our world today that can influence our choices in life. Some people think that the Word of God is too oppressive and decide to live self-indulgently. They walk in the deepest darkest corners of this world presuming they are enjoying life. Other people live a life in contradiction to God's plans. I met a lady who told me she did not believe in God and she felt offended when I said, 'God bless you' to her.

Yet the Bible says, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding' (Proverbs 3:5). If you trust in God you will never walk in darkness.

As 1 John 1:5 reminds us: 'This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.'

When you walk in the light you avoid dangers in your life. For you will be able to see clearly. By walking in the light there is assurance of fellowship with Christ as he himself is the light. Jesus says, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12).

What a privilege to be able to walk in the light, in life!

## **Discussion questions**

1. Have you ever walked in darkness? If so, what was your experience? How did you feel when the light came?
2. What does walking in the light mean to you?
3. What does walking in light mean to the Church?
4. Is it easy to walk in the light?
  - a. If yes, why do you think it is easy?
  - b. If not, what are the difficulties of walking in the light?

## **A step further**

Take your light to the people in your area, where you feel they need light in their lives, by sharing the good news with them.

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