

Message Notes | The & Series

Part 4: Sinner & Saint

1 John 1:5-10

- face reality without losing identity
- fellowship with God who is light - **vs. 5-6**

#1 Don't let your _____ in sin turn into _____ your sin.

- the ways we deceive ourselves - **vs. 8**

#2 Self-_____ only accomplishes self-_____.

- claiming innocence is not so innocent - **vs. 10**

#3 Denying your guilt keeps you _____ to _____.

- what it means to walk in the light - **vs. 7, 9; 2 Cor 5:21**

#4 You are a _____ fighting against _____.

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1. How's your poker face? Are you good at concealing things from others, or are you easy to read?
2. **Read 1 John 1:5-6.** To "walk in darkness" is to try to hide who we are or what we've done. Why does hiding not work?

What does it do to a person when they live in hiding?

3. We deceive ourselves when we claim to be without sin. What are some ways people justify or minimize sin today, especially in ways that might feel reasonable?
4. **Read 1 John 1:10.** How can denying or minimizing sin actually give it more power in your life?
5. **Read 1 John 1:7,9.** If you saw someone intentionally "walking in the light" this week, what behaviors, attitudes, or responses would stand out?
6. Why is it sometimes difficult to walk in the light in close relationships or high-pressure environments?
7. **Read 1 John 2:1-2.** You are a saint fighting against sin, not a sinner fighting to become a saint. What's the practical difference between those two, and how might this impact the way a person lives?

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Bible Reading for Today

1 John 1:5-10

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But 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.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

