

## **THURSDAY AUGUST 19**

### **WALKING IN THE LIGHT**

**1 John 1:7**

Light is important to our lives for many reasons. It reveals things we need to see in order to go about our daily life and enables us to see where we are walking. These are only two important aspects of light among many we could list. One other very important fact about light would be one that should be near the top of our list as it is vital for plant life. Without it, plants would die and that in turn would be devastating to our own maintaining of life.

All that light is in the natural is there for our understanding when it comes to the spiritual aspect of our lives. First of all, we are reminded that God is light and there is absolutely no hint of darkness within Him. (1 John 1:5) Light is His very nature. Just as Jesus walked in the Light here on earth, "the one who says he remains in Him should walk just as He walked." (1 John 2:6 HCSB)

Just as natural light is needed to keep us from stumbling and falling; walking in God's light is needed to keep us from stumbling and falling spiritually. His light in us gives not only spiritual life to us here, but it is for eternity as well (to live forever). If darkness consumes us, we will eventually experience eternal death if we are not living in the Light here.

It is God's light within us that bring about fellowship not only with God first but with fellow believers as well. Many commentators have said that what John speaks of here (in 1 John 1:7- as far as fellowship) refers to fellowship with other believers. It is true that God's light and love within us gives us a common bond. However, in reading this more closely, this is not what John is saying when we read what he was saying prior. Also, the Greek pronoun in this verse for one another is allelon and refers to the two parties being addressed (which are God and the believer). To have fellowship with God, we must have His light within as it searches out what is within. The previous verse (verse 6) states if we go around saying we have fellowship with Him and are walking in areas of darkness, we're lying...not living what we claim.

As we continue our ongoing walk in the Light, it exposes any darkness and as sin is exposed, the blood of His Son cleanses us from that sin. As long as we keep the openness of the Light in us, our failures and short comings are under Christ's cleansing power. If when they are exposed and we acknowledge and confess those sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) "Happy are the people who know the joyful shout; Yahweh, they walk in the light of Your presence." (Psalm 89:15 HCSB) Keep that Light turned on!