

**“John’s Message”
1 John 1:5-10**

I. God is perfect and completely without sin (vs. 5).

- A. God is infinitely righteous.
- B. There is no evil in God.

(Deuteronomy 32:3-4; Psalm 116:1-5; Isaiah 5:16; Romans 1:16-17; Revelation 15:2-3)

II. To have fellowship with God, one must be without sin (vs. 6-7).

- A. We cannot have fellowship with God and live in sin.
- B. We cannot have fellowship with God and live in unconfessed sin.

(Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 59:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15)

III. For sinful humans beings to have fellowship with God, they must confess their sins (vs. 8-10).

- A. We can deny that we are sinners and lie to ourselves.
- B. We can confess that we are sinners and receive forgiveness.

(Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23)

Scripture References and Notes

Isaiah 5:16
But the LORD of hosts will be exalted in judgment,
And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

Psalm 116:1-5

¹ I love the LORD, because He hears My voice *and* my supplications. ² Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call *upon Him* as long as I live. ³ The cords of death encompassed me And the terrors of Sheol came upon me; I found distress and sorrow. ⁴ Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I beseech You, save my life!” ⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is compassionate.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

³“For I proclaim the name of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our God! ⁴“The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.

Revelation 15:2-3

² And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. ³ And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

¹⁴ Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

¹⁵ Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

Isaiah 59:1-2

¹ Behold, the LORD’s hand is not so short That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull That it cannot hear. ² But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.

Psalm 66:18

If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear...

Romans 3:10

as it is written, “THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.