

# The manifestation of the Word from 1 John 1:1-4

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 cerned about their welfare that he could not experience complete joy himself as long as they were struggling with doubt created by these false teachers" (Anders, Ed., Broadman & Holman).

The Practice of Walking in the Light (1 John 1:5-10)

4. What specific message did John say the Son had given him and the other apostles (v5-6)?

John tells his readers in verse 5 that God is light. He states that he and the other apostles had heard Christ. Now he specified what the message was that came from Him. It was simply that God is light; there is no darkness in Him. Light and darkness

are two separate extremes. Light stands for what is good, pure, holy, and righteous. Darkness stands for what is sinful, evil, and false. Light shines and reveals what darkness hides and

covers. In His very nature, God is completely light. Darkness cannot touch Him. 5. What does it mean to say that God is light?

The statement about God is light is not a metaphor.

That means that God is not a light or like light. God is light, meaning pure, glorious truth-holiness in His very nature. Darkness, the opposite of light, will never be a part of God. Because God is

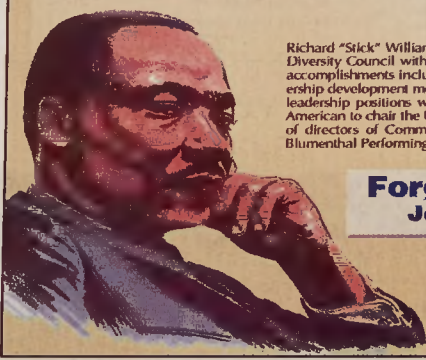
light, He exposes all that is sinful and evil. Sin cannot hide in His presence. Those of us who are in God's family, then, walk in the presence of light.

6. What did John say about those who claim to know Christ but do not live according to His Word (v. 6)?



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