



Week 2 – April 29

The Unholy Christian & Other Fake News Claims

1 John 1:5-2:2

Discussion Question #1:

What was your biggest takeaway from Sunday's sermon?

Discussion Question #2:

Why might people avoid examining the genuineness of their claim to know Jesus? Why might we avoid having a conversation with other people about whether their claim is genuine?

Discussion Question #3: What reasons might someone make false claims to know a Holy God, while not living like Him?

Discussion Question #4: What does it mean to walk in darkness? How is committing a sin different than walking in darkness?

Discussion Question #5: What does 'walking in the light as He is in the light' say about God's standards?

Discussion Question #6: What are the two results of 'walking in the light' that we see in verse 7?

**If your religion doesn't make you holy, it will damn you.
It is simply pageantry to go to hell in.
– Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)**

Discussion Question #7: Why do people try to imitate Christian principles in their lives without being Christians (or what are some benefits of imitating Christian principles even if you do not have genuine faith) ? Why do non-Christians separate from Christian principles (or what are the drawbacks or disadvantages of having Christian principles as a non-Christian)?

Discussion Question #8: What reasons might someone have for believing they don't need a cleansing from God?

Discussion Question #9: How do we try to lower God's standards, and why do we do it?

Discussion Question #10: Why does John tell us that God is faithful to forgive? What does this say about us in our sin? Why do Christians tend to not confess their sin to God or to one another? (Ref. James 5:16)

Discussion Question #11: Why should we avoid jumping headlong into sin, even though God is so faithful to forgive? (Ref. 1 John 2:1)

Discussion Question #12: What qualifies Jesus to deal with sin? How has Jesus dealt with the sins of the Christian?

Prayer

Since James 5:16 says that we should confess our sins to one another and pray for each other, let's do that tonight. In what ways do you need prayer in your life because of sin? How else might we pray for you?