

But 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. 1 John 1:7

There is a story behind this verse that adds more meaning and understanding when we realize why John wrote this verse. There were people in his day that believed that they were so intellectually and spiritually advanced, that sin had ceased to matter and that laws did not apply to them. That is why John said in verse 6 that they are lying if they say they have fellowship with God but continue to live in spiritual darkness. They are not living in a manner that reflects the truth that a follower of Jesus Christ should live. John is saying that when we live in truth, we do not only know the truth, but we actively live out the truth.

Verse 7 then explains how we can determine if we are living as God desires. First, are we able to be in fellowship with other followers of Christ? If we become so arrogant that we are above others, it will affect our relationship with them. Second, do we understand that our sin is only forgiven through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ? When we recognize this second principle, it allows us to walk in a humble relationship with others and with God.

We have a similar misunderstanding in our world today. There are some who believe that due to the Grace of God, they have the right to talk and live however they desire. We also have others who believe that they have such a superior knowledge of God, or they have a greater status than ordinary people, they do not have to follow the rules like everybody else. The reality is that they are saying that their sin is not important. They are telling the world that the way they are living is not a big deal. You know what John said about these people in his letter? He said that they are calling God a liar and that God's word has no place in their hearts. I'm not sure about you, but I don't want to call God a liar!!

Read 1 John 1:5-10