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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Hoiness—Isa. 35-8

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WALKING IN THE LIGHT

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Good Morning, friends of the Radio Audience:
You will find the text for our talk this morning in the 1st Epistle of John, 1st chapter, and the 7th verse.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Our Topic is "Walking in the Light." Perhaps someone asks the question, what does the apostle mean by walking in the light? Let us first analyze some of the main sources of light.

1st. There is Created Light.

In Genesis 1st chapter, verses 3-5, we read: And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

In the 16th and 17th verses of the same chapter we read, And God made two great lights: the greater to rule the day, and the lesser to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God sett them in the firmament of the Heaven to give light upon the earth.

We pass on to a second source of light—

Let us call it Artificial Light. It is a product of man's genius, such as: candle, oil, gas, fire, electric and others.

A 3rd source of light—We will call it Intellectual Light, or, that light that comes to the intelligence.

This thought will take most of us back to our school days, when we had some problems to solve, and some of them taxed our thinking powers to the limit of our patience, but we, or most of us, refused to be beaten and all at once we would almost cry out, "We see it now." The fact was we did not see with our eyes, but light had dawned upon our intelligence.

You will pardon a personal reference here. I remember when but a very small boy, a blind man visited our home on different occasions, and in the course of conversation he would often say, I see this or that in the papers. The truth was, his wife read the newspapers to him regularly and he was kept posted on the current news, the same being stamped indelibly on his mind or intellect, he would use the expression before mentioned.

A 4th source of light we will call Spiritual Light—I think the scriptures will prove to us that the apostle is referring to Spiritual Light.

In the 1st Epistle of John, 2nd chapter, and 9th verse, we read: He that sayeth he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now; and in the 11th verse we read: But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

Hate is a product of sin which finds its root

in the heart. Did not Jesus say he that hateth his brother is a murderer.

Jesus also said, for out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies; these are the things which defile a man.

So according to the words of Jesus hatred comes from the heart, it is therefore possible to hate our brother while walking in created or artificial light, and also to plan or plot against him with the powers of intellect.

Having established our point in a rather crude way, let us now look at verse 5 of this chapter.

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. And in the words of our text, If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The Word of God says: Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

I think I can hear someone say, but if I read the word of God it will only bring light to my intellect, and you have already proved that intellectual light will not qualify one for fellowship.

That is a good parry, and I welcome the thrust because I know now that you are interested.

There are many who have a great knowledge of the Bible who do not walk in the light of its teachings, and they will receive greater damnation because Jesus said: He that knew his Lord's will and did it not shall be beaten with many stripes.

But if like the Publican of old we see ourselves a sinner and cry out with him, Lord, be merciful to me a sinner, he has promised to hear us.

You say how dare you class me with that publican and sinner. We are moral persons, good citizens, pay our bills, etc. We reply these are very commendable in themselves but you are not going far enough.

The word of God says: All have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and also in the verse following our text we read: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

There is one unfortunate thing about this verse and that is, so many use it as a cloak and also an argument for living a life of sin, and many professing Christians hold it up as the highest standard of a Christian experience, but let us read on.

In verse 9 the apostle says: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and in the 1st verse of the second chapter, we read: My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not. Also in the 3rd chapter 2nd verse he refers to the coming of Christ and says: Every man that hath this hope in him (that of seeing Christ) purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

The apostle continues: Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath

not seen him, neither known him. He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning.

Now please listen to this—For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil:

Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Dear Friends: We have endeavoured to bring home to you your responsibility according to the word of God, and the apostle James says: Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.

The apostle John also says in this connection: but whoso keepeth his word in him verily is the love of God perfected, hereby we know that we are in him.

In closing let us add it is impossible to walk in the light of the scriptures until we are ready to acknowledge ourselves as sinners, repent of and forsake sin, exercise a living faith in the blood of Christ which was shed for us individually, to atone for and cleanse us from all past guilt.

The next and most important thing to do is to obey the command that Jesus gave to his disciples, namely: to tarry before God in unceasing prayer, asking him for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon you to cleanse your heart from all inbred sin and also to give you power to obey him and walk in the light as he sheds it upon your pathway.

A MOTHER'S SOLILOQUY

Tobacco? Let me see. What good thing I can say for you? Well, the best that I can say for you is that you are a tyrant—a tyrant, do you hear? You've held my loved ones in your grasp. Time and time again they have said, "I'm done with you." But time and time again I've seen them fall prey to your wiles and come home with the secret written on their faces that you had conquered again.

I've seen that bright-eyed boy of mine, whom I held in my arms as a tiny babe and dreamed and planned over, fall to the charms of Lady Nicotine, who ruined him body and soul! Ruined him, O yes, ruined him, so that I have determined by God's help to fight you to end.

And yet you were not satisfied. I had a daughter—a lovely fragile girl, given to me by God above. She often came to me with her confidence, her hopes, her ideals, her plans for the future. But alas; in order to be a good sport she fell prey to the cigarette habit and now I watch her with sinking heart, as she goes about with lagging steps and lusterless eyes. Then I whisper, "O God, have mercy upon us all and save our boys and girls through Jesus Christ. Amen."—C. E. C. in Pentecostal Herald.