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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

1 John 1:5-7 This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 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. (NIV)

The apostle John wanted to make sure that people understood the character of our God. He phrased this as a corporate declaration using the pronoun 'we.' Certainly he was referring to not only the disciples, but also all of those who would follow in a new relationship with Christ. God is light! This was a significant statement because of the tenor used. John qualifies this by stating that this is 'the message we have heard from Him.' And because of the gravity of this message, John declares this to all who will listen: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. In the Greek language, this means not only is there no darkness, but that there is not even a chance of it. And here is the most important part of this: walking in Him is totally different than knowing about Him.

I could say that I know former president George W. Bush because I was invited to his celebration of becoming Governor of Texas. I recall the wonderful luncheon and later his speech in accepting the reins of leading the state of Texas. My wife and I got to meet him and shake his hand. But do I really know Him? No, not really. Many people think they know God because they have heard about Him or attended a church that meets in His name. The qualifier is not a knowledge about God; it is knowing Him personally. John uses the word fellowship. An old pastor friend of mine used to say that fellowship is like two fellows in one ship. They must be in agreeance so that they can row in the same direction. John says this is the purification process of the believer. Do you know Jesus? If so, it will purify you and bring glory and honor to Him.

Dear LORD, You are the light we are to know and follow. Help us to walk in Your light daily. In Jesus Name, Amen