



Today's Topic: A New Freedom

1 John 1:5-2:2

Sunday, July 24, 2022

1. Freed by _____

"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 _____ with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth."

1 John 1:5-6 (NIV, 2011)

"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 _____."

1 John 1:7 (NIV, 2011)

2. Freed by _____

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us."

1 John 1:8-10 (NIV, 2011)

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

1 John 2:1-2 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:
Make confession a priority this week.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the biggest mistake that we make in our relationships with others?
2. Read 1 John 1:5-6. Why does John describe God as light in whom there is no darkness? How does this statement help us to understand God's character?
3. Give a few concrete examples of how we might walk "in darkness" rather than walking in God's light? Why, according to John, does this make us "liars"?
4. Read 1 John 1:7. How does our fellowship with God affect our fellowship with one another?
5. Read 1 John 1:8-10. What is it about sin that destroys relationships?
6. Why is confession necessary for us to receive forgiveness?
7. Read 1 John 2:1-2. How does Jesus make genuine forgiveness possible? How does forgiveness help to heal our relationships?
8. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?