



WEIGHT of the WORLD #5

Putting Down Your Past

1 John 1:5-2:2, 2 Corinthians 7:10

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¹⁰ For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. **-2 Corinthians 7:10 NASB**

Putting down my past requires living the truth about God & my sin

⁵ This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. **-1 John 1:5**

- We must live in response to the truth of God's Revealed Identity
- God is Light without any part of darkness at all
 - Can't fathom absolute purity because we fall tainted all we know
 - Pure, Holy, Glorious, Righteous, Good, Just, True...
 - How does a life darkened by sin fellowship with the God of Light?

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. **-1 John 1:6-7**

- Claiming fellowship w/ God while continuing to walk in darkness is a lie
 - Deceptive Delusion to embrace sin while claiming fellowship w/ God
 - In His presence there is no darkness to walk in: total exposure
 - To walk in darkness is to reject fellowship with God
- If we walk in the Light as He is in the Light there is Continual Catharsis
 - Cleansing for fellowship with God & those fellowshiping with God
 - Cleansing from all sin by the blood of His Son Jesus
 - Walking in the Light is an act of repentant faith not performance

¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God." **-John 3:19-21**

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **-1 John 1:8-9**

- Claiming to be presently without sin is self-deception
- How can one who still struggles with sin still walk in the light?
 - Confession (Saying Same Word) Agreeing with God about my sin
 - He is faithful to forgive those who confess in faith
 - He is righteous to cleanse us from all unrighteousness
 - Cleansing/Catharsis is by the blood of Jesus

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar & His word is not in us. **-1 John 1:10**

- Claiming that sin doesn't exist for us is defiance against God
- Sin is not a social construct, it is spiritual reality

² My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world **-1 John 1:2:1-2**

- Believers should fight against their own sinfulness by leaning on Christ
 - If we fail to resist, we have a righteous advocate with the Father
 - He has made atonement through His blood
 - Jesus is the "hilasmos" - the atoning sacrifice-propitiation
 - Christ's shed blood satisfies the wrath of God regarding sin
 - In dying, He bore God's wrath for sin
 - In rising, He shows God's wrath has been fully satisfied
 - debt unpayable by our eternal separation and suffering
 - Paid enough to cancel the world's sin debt
 - For those that refuse grace, the debt & wrath remains

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **-1 John 4:10**