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The Essence of the Father (1 John 1:5)

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- **Light** (phos), has no article preceding it, the rule of Greek grammar is that the absence of the definite article shows *quality, nature, or essence*. In other words, God is not a light, nor the light, but simply and absolutely God is light, in His very nature.
- The double negative in the Greek dispels any misunderstanding we might have concerning the purity of this light, its like saying...***God as to His nature is light, and darkness in Him does not exist, not even one bit.***

The Essence of Our Fellowship (1 John 1:6-7)

“⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ 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 1:5-7 NIV)

- **Fellowship** (koinōnia) = “to have joint-participation with someone else in things possessed in common by both.”
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- John revels in the verb, *cleanse* (*purify* in the NIV) the constant “Niagara Falls” flow of Christ’s blood, as it cascades over his sin, washing it away continually.

The Essence of His Forgiveness (1 John 1:8-10)

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- **Confess** = “to say the same thing as another,” or, “to agree with another.
- The fellowship we have with the Father is not, nor ever will be, maintainable by our effort. We were not saved by our effort nor does our effort keep us saved. God alone is the hero.

So What?

Ask yourself...

1. Do you find that the majority of your desires are towards God’s light (or presence) or away from it?
2. If you have trusted Jesus Christ to save you, and desire continual fellowship with Him, but your sin has broken that fellowship, are you ready to confess that sin and receive His forgiveness?
3. Do you understand your responsibility to reflect the light of Jesus Christ into the darkness of a world that is lost without Him?

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