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Walking in the Light
(1st John 1:5-10)

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Walk in the light, as he is in the light.
(1 Jn 1:7)

a)

John's image of the spiritual life

Training a child to walk

Training a child to use light

When walking is hard

b)

Walking is not an option

2

Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar,
and the truth is not in him.
(1 Jn 2:4)

3

Whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.
(1 Jn 2:5)

c)

What are commands?

What are the commands of Parents?

“This is what you’ll be like when you get big.”

4

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment,
but an old commandment that you had from the beginning.

The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

(1 Jn 2:7)

God's commands have always been designed to bring us back to the lives we
were designed to live in the first place.

The 10 commandments by Jewish counting.

This is the Christian tradition of counting them:

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Ex 20

And God spoke all these words saying, “I am the LORD your God
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

#1 You shall have no other Gods before me.

#2 ...

This is the tradition of counting them from Moses to Jesus:

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Ex 20

And God spoke all these words saying,

#1 “I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.”

#2 You shall have no other Gods before me.

#3 ...

d)

What if a child refuses to learn to walk in the light?

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and the truth is not in him.

(1 Jn 2:4)

What is belief / doctrine / theology?

What do our actions actually say about our theology?

3 examples

- not dealing with sin in our lives - Lot
- refusing to forgive others - David
- not fully accepting God's forgiveness for ourselves - Paul

e)

Strange results?

We have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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