

The apostle John is emphatic in his writings (John, 1-2-3 John, Revelation) that God is light and having fellowship with Him means we walk in that light too. It is a black and white issue...light vs. darkness (1:6-7). While God is a God full of grace and mercy, He always operates in the realm of what is true. Our sin, especially lying about our sin or sin in general, is truly what breaks our fellowship with God (1:8-2:2). As we continue in today's passage, we are introduced to two blessings associated with _____ obediently with God and how to maintain the staying power necessary to abide with Him every day of our life.

Two Blessings of Walking Obediently with God – 1 John 2:3-6

1. The Blessing of Assurance – v. 3-4

- When we enter into a personal relationship with God by belief in Jesus Christ, there is a permanent _____ inside of us – v. 3; Jn 3:1-10, 6:37, 10:27-29; Col. 2:11-12; 1 Pet. 1:5; Heb. 10:14.
- Our eternal life is a documented truth, but there is also an assurance (*feeling*) that _____ accompany the truth of God (*know that we know Him*) – v. 3; 1 Jn 3:20-21, 5:11-13; 1 Cor. 15:1-2.
- Our internal sensitivity to _____ saved and being right with God is personally linked to keeping His commandments – v. 3-4; Ps. 106:3, 119:2; Pr. 8:32; Lk. 11:28.

Adam & Eve (Gen. 2-3; Is. 6:5) =

- God's commandments are _____ for our good – 1 Jn. 5:3-4; Deut. 4:40; 6:3-5, 24-25.

God's commandments can be summed up (Matt. 22:35-40; Jn. 13:34-35) =

The great power of our obedience (2 Cor. 10:5-6; 2 Chron. 33:10-18) =

- When we fail to keep His commandments and lie, saying we're all good with God, we complicate matters and cause _____ in us and others about the truth – v. 4; 1 Sam. 15:20-24.

2. The Blessing of Perfect Love – v. 5-6

- When we entered into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, it was first and always a _____ relationship – v. 5; Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 Jn. 4:10 (*His part*); 1 Pet. 1:8; Rev. 2:4.
- Keeping His word _____ our love with Him (*our part*) – v. 5; Deut. 30:19-20; Jn.14:15-23, 15:14.

Perfected (2 Tim. 3:16-17) =

- The greatest example of how to walk harmoniously with God in a love relationship (*abide*) is how the Lord Jesus Christ _____ with God the Father – v. 6; Jn. 4:31-34, 5:30, 6:38, 8:29, 10:30, 15:9-11; 17:11; Lk. 22:42; Php. 2:8; Heb. 5:8-9; Gal. 5:16.