1 John 1:6-10

1 John 1:5 *Light*: speaks of proper vision, visibility, intelligence, excellence. … a symbol of a life of purity and *holiness*.

Because of fact that God is light we ought to *walk* in the light. …fellowship with Him and fellowship with other believers.

Vital that we are Biblically correct in two doctrines: 1. God 2. Man

How we view these doctrines has a very profound effect on our view of sin.

Theology influences our *anthropology*

Anthropology influences our *Harmartology*

1. **Sin does not hinder fellowship.**
   
   Response: …*we lie, and do not the truth:*
   
   Heibert *We are failing to give an expression to the truth in daily life.*
   
   Solution: Walk in the light.
   
   Result: 1. Fellowship 2. **Cleansing**

2. **We do not have a sinful nature.**

   Eradication of old sin nature. …*we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.*

   Solution: *Confess*: agree or declare alike; to say same *thing* about it as God.

   A willingness to outwardly, verbally acknowledge and admit sins and to call them what God calls them.

   **Sins**: plural. name *specific* sins and confess them.

   Because of God’s character we experience

   1. Forgiveness for sins

   2. Cleansing from all unrighteousness

   **Faithful**: reliable, consistent, dependable. He can be trusted to do what He has promised. *Faithful to keep His word.*

       Psa 103:3; 130:4; Matt 6:14; Acts 5:31; Eph 1:7

   **Just**: righteous, consistent with *holiness.*

       Burdick: *Since Christ has fully atoned for sin, God is bound by His righteousness to forgive all who repent and confess their sins.*

   **Forgive**: to send forth, send away. Remit or completely cancel *debt.*

       Vines: *It involves the complete removal of the cause of offence; such remission is based upon the vicarious and propitiatory sacrifice of Christ.*

To leave behind, *abandon.*

Forgiveness always comes on the heels of repentance and confession.

*Isa 1:18 Jer 31:34*
*Cleanse from all unrighteousness*: make us clean from all pollution of sin.

Sin always defiles

*All*: thorough, **complete**.

3. **I have not sinned.**

I haven’t done anything wrong

Possibly, I am now in the state of never having committed sin…I have never sinned

Kistemaker: *This is the blatant attitude of the unrepentant, unregenerate infidel*

Isa 6:5 Job 40:3; 42:6

*If we say that we have not sinned*: denial of the **fact** of sin…or a self-righteous attitude.

*We make Him a liar*: attack character of God and destroy whole foundation of salvation and atonement for sin.

Heibert: *Such a claim is a direct attack upon the character of God and impugns His whole program of human redemption*

Not only accuses God of telling a lie, but it declares that the very character of God is that of a liar…deceptive, false.

**Blasphemous**: Jn 8:44

To deny the fact that you have sinned is in all actuality to call God a liar because throughout the scriptures, He has told us that we are sinners.

If I refuse to acknowledge my sinfulfulness, it is evident that God’s revelation, His Word, has never found a lodging place in my heart.

**And his Word is not in us.**

Heibert: *That divine message, personally communicated and embodied in the Christian*

John 8:36-37