



Rock Point Church

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1 John 1:1-10 (NLT)

¹We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. ²This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. ³We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

⁵This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. ⁶So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. ⁷But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

⁸If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

BIG IDEA

Real love lives in the light.

HOW TO WALK IN THE LIGHT:

LIVE LIFE IN JESUS (*1 John 1:1-2*)

Love isn't just something God said. Love is Someone God sent.

Application:

Start with Jesus. Identify where you look for life. Choose presence before performance.

LIVE IN REAL FELLOWSHIP (*1 John 1:3-7*)

Jesus invites us into fellowship, not performance.

Application:

Practice Jesus' presence. Stop performing and managing your image. Choose to be known. Make honesty safe. Respond to the Light.

Sign up for Find Your Circle.

Join a group.

LIVE HONESTLY (*1 John 1:8-10*)

It's not about never sinning, it is about choosing not to hide.

Application:

Confess.

WHAT IS CONFESSION?

Homologeō: acknowledge, agree, “say the same thing.”

Confession is agreeing with God about what He already knows.

- God calls it pride - I stop calling it confidence.
- God calls it lust - I stop calling it harmless.
- God calls it greed - I stop calling it ambition.
- God calls it bitterness - I stop defending it.

How do I walk through confession?

- Name it

- Stop using vague language. Call it what God calls it.
- Agree with God about it
 - No excuses, comparisons, explanations, or “but.”
- Turn from it
 - Confession includes a desire to change direction.
- Receive Christ’s forgiveness
 - Stop trying to pay for what Jesus already paid for.
- Take the next obedient step
 - Tell someone, seek accountability, apologize, make restitution, remove access, or change the pattern.

Psalms 32:1-11 (NLT)

A psalm of David.

¹Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sin is put out of sight!

²Yes, what joy for those

whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt,
whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

³When I refused to confess my sin,
my body wasted away,
and I groaned all day long.

⁴Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.
My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.

⁵Finally, I confessed all my sins to you
and stopped trying to hide my guilt.

I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord."
And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

⁶Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time,
that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.

⁷For you are my hiding place;
you protect me from trouble.

You surround me with songs of victory.

⁸The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your
life.

I will advise you and watch over you.

⁹Do not be like a senseless horse or mule
that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control."

¹⁰Many sorrows come to the wicked,

but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

¹¹So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him!

Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!