

# Walking With God Finding Joy In The Journey

## 1 John 1:3-2:2

Why don't some Christians Experience JOY in their Walk with God?

John says FELLOWSHIP with the Father, His Son, Jesus & other Believers is the SOURCE of our JOY.

Today, John uses the phrase, "IF WE SAY" to point out 3 WAYS that JOY ELUDES the Believer...

- 1. JOY ELUDES US IF WE SAY SIN HAS NO POWER.** (vv.5-7)
  - **WHAT'S the PROBLEM?**
  - Some Christians "Claim" to be in Fellowship with God but "Choose" to live in Willful Disobedience to God.
  - **WHAT'S the SOLUTION?**
  - **CHANGE Our Walk.** (v.7a)
  - **CLEANSE Our Hearts.** (v.7b)
- 2. JOY ELUDES US IF WE SAY SIN IS NOT PRESENT.** (vv.8-9)
  - **WHAT'S the PROBLEM?**
  - We're Given a "NEW nature" but the "OLD (sin) nature" is NOT Taken away. (Gal 5:17)
  - **WHAT'S the SOLUTION?**
  - Until WE Call our Behavior what GOD Calls our Behavior, we HAVEN'T Confessed.
  - The Solution to our Sinfulness is Confessing our Sin to God & Receiving the Forgiveness Jesus Died to Provide.
- 3. JOY ELUDES US IF WE SAY WE DON'T PRACTICE SIN.** (vv.10-2:2)
  - Some Christians Call their Sin by a Different Name.
  - **WHAT'S the PROBLEM?**
  - If GOD says we sinned but WE say we haven't, Someone is LYING.

- **WHAT'S the SOLUTION? (1 John 2:1-2)**
- **Jesus, the Righteous DEFENDS the Unrighteous.**
  
- ***If Jesus already Paid for our sins, WHY do we need to Ask Forgiveness?***
- Through the ***Finished Work of Jesus***, we enter into a **RELATIONSHIP** with God.
- ***When we SIN, we Break our FELLOWSHIP with God.***
- When we **Return & Confess**, our **Fellowship with God can be Restored**.