

Walk in the Light

1 John 1:5-2:2

All things start with the character of God. (verse 5)

Three erroneous claims to the conviction of sin :

1. We claim to be a Christian who still habitually sins.

God's Provision: The blood of Jesus

2. We claim to be a Christian that doesn't have a problem with sin anymore.

God's Provision: Forgiveness & purity is found when we confess our sins

3. We claim to be a Christian that has never had a problem with sin.

God's Provision: The atoning sacrifice Jesus

Action Steps:

Bring your sin into the light.

Call your sin what God calls it.

Ask God to forgive your sin.

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Please Note: If you are interested in getting involved in a Crossroads Community Group, please visit www.crossroadschurchaustin.com and choose Get Connected.

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or Community Group.

1. Why is it so vital that we understand what sin is and what to do about it?
2. How did becoming a Christian alter your view of your own sinfulness?
3. What does it mean that Jesus is the "atoning sacrifice" for our sins?
4. What does it mean to confess our sins?
5. How has repentance of sin and Jesus' cleansing brought healing and new life to you? Read James 5:16 aloud as a group. Do you readily practice this? Why or why not?
6. Why is it important that we know that Jesus not only forgives our sin but also cleanses us from the stain of our sin and the sins that have been committed against us?
7. Are you hiding any secret sin that could derail your reputation, your marriage, your kids?