

COME OUT OF THE DARK

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⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

fellowship with him = participating with God in living your everyday life

 *walk in the light* = live open-faced, open-hearted, open-handed before God

confess our sins = agree with God about what the light is revealing & exposing

When you come out of the dark...

You will find freedom & cleansing. (v. 8-9)



self-deception = to pull the wool over our own eyes



"Self-deception about our sin is a narcotic. A tranquilizing and disorienting suppression of our spiritual central nervous system. What's devastating about it is that when we lack an ear for wrong notes in our lives, we cannot play right ones or even recognize them  in the performances of other people. Eventually we make ourselves so spiritually unmusical that we miss the exposition of the main themes that God is playing in human life."

- Cornelius Plantinga

You will find companionship. (v. 7)