

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – June 26-July 1
Doing Life Together – I Love my Church Pt. 4

MONDAY: John 17:3, Acts 4:20

KEY VERSE: 1 John 1:1-7

OBSERVATION: The purpose of the letter is to assure the professing Christians that they have eternal life and for those not living a godly life to examine themselves in light of the "Word of Life" (verse 1) to see if their profession was genuine. A genuine relationship with Christ will produce fellowship with the Lord and other believers.

TUESDAY: 1 John 1:5, Isaiah 60:1, Isaiah 60:19

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 2:5

OBSERVATION: The only Old Testament occurrence of this precise phrase is in Isaiah 2:5, "O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the Lord." The Psalms contain similar phrases (56:13; 89:15), as does Isaiah (9:2; 50:10-11; 59:9).

WEDNESDAY: James 1:6, James 1:8

KEY VERSE: James 1:17

OBSERVATION: To "walk" is, in short, to live one's life. One's lifestyle or way of life can be considered a "walk." The word also indicates progress. Walking is related to growth; it is taking steps toward maturity. "Light" in the Bible can be a metaphor for life, happiness, righteousness, or understanding. The Bible is clear that light comes from the Lord God, the "Father of the heavenly lights" (James 1:17). He is the opposite of evil. Putting it all together, "walking in the light" means "growing in holiness and maturing in the faith as we follow Jesus."

THURSDAY: Luke 11:36, 1 John 2:8

KEY VERSE: John 1:9

OBSERVATION: The apostle John repeatedly used the "light" metaphor in relation to the Messiah. For example, he writes that Jesus is "the true light that gives light to every man" (John 1:9). In 1 John 1:7 he says, "If we walk in the light as He [God] is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." In verse 5, John says that God's very nature is light. Jesus, then, is the conduit or provider of light to the world.

FRIDAY: Isaiah 2:5, Titus 2:14

KEY VERSE: 1 John 1:7

OBSERVATION: When we are "Walking in the Light," then and only then, when we are taking an active part in the things of God, in the local church which is his program. A church is not to be turned into social club, yet it has an important social element. It should be a place of fellowship, learning and service to others. Walking is the Light, means walking in the path God has lit up!

SATURDAY: Psalm 32:5, 1 Kings 8:30

KEY VERSE: 1 John 1:8-10

OBSERVATION: No one fully knows what sin is until he is born again. Sin is what Jesus Christ faced at Calvary. The evidence that I have been delivered from sin is that I know the real nature of sin in me. For a person to really know what sin is requires the full work and deep touch of the atonement of Jesus Christ, that is, the imparting of His absolute perfection.