

1 John 1:5-10

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 and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not

live out 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

is not in us.

1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Status of Purity

While We Strive To Purify

Hebrews 12:2-3

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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1 John 4:17-21

¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.