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⁵ Now this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him.

⁶ If we say, “We have fellowship with Him,” and walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.

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⁷ But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say, "We have no sin," we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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1. The Reason for Confession

5...God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him.

God is light by nature and character. Light is what God is within Himself, within His being, essence, nature, and character. God dwells in the splendor, glory, and brilliance of light.

A better translation: “The darkness did not overcome it.”

2. The Results of Confession

⁷ But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship...

If we walk in the light of Christ, then we have fellowship with Christ and with God and with all other believers.

If we walk in the light of Christ, then the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.

3. Denying the Need for Confession

⁸ If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

The world says:

We are not that sinful, so sinful that we cannot handle the problem of sin ourselves. We can change our behavior and act responsibly.

Man has the capacity to reform himself, to discipline and control his own life.

3. Denying the Need for Confession

⁶ If we say, “We have fellowship with Him,” and walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.

If we think we can manage our lives without Christ we are not practicing the Truth.

If we continue in sin we are not walking in Christ and communion is broken.

4. Confession and Forgiveness

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we will confess our sins, God will forgive our sins. And He will do even more: He not only will forgive us for the sins we know about and confess, He will cleanse us from *all unrighteousness*.

1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (HCSB)

²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ So a man should examine himself; in this way he should eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

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**Let us prepare for the
Lord's Table.**

Recognize His Holiness

Remember His Death

Renew our Relationship

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