

“Walking in Darkness or Light?”

- I. The Accusation: According to **1 John 4:20**, the majority of Christians are liars.
 - A. **Colossians 3:8-14** describes only two conditions for us. Only when we have put off the “old man” and put on the “new man” are we able to love God and others.
 - B. **1 John 1:4-7** again describes only two conditions for us. If we say we have a love relationship with God and walk in darkness we are liars. But if we walk in the light we will have love and fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus will cleanse us from our sins.

- II. Darkness or Light? **1 John 2:8-11**
 - A. **Verse 8** talks of a new commandment. Actually given by Jesus in **John 13:34 & 35**.
 - B. **Verse 8** talks of the darkness that is past. What is the “true light that now shineth”? **John 1:4,5,&9**
 - C. **Verse 9** If we say that we are in the light and hate our brother, we are in darkness.
 - D. **Verse 10** If we are abiding in the light “there is none occasion (scandal) of stumbling in him.” From the TEV “Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and so there is nothing in him that will cause someone else to sin.”
 - E. **Verse 11** If we hate our brother we are in darkness and are blind. Pride now takes over.

- III. Pride or Humility?
 - A. The dispute on the way to Capernaum. **Mark 9:30-35**
The first shall be last and servant of all.
 - B. On the way to Jerusalem. What are we going to get? **Mark 10:32-45**
 - C. The crucifixion predicted followed by a request for positions. **Matthew 20:17-28**
 - D. Humility through service is best taught by example. **John 13:12-17**
 - E. The entire life of Jesus is about humility & service. This is what will ensure eternal security. **Philippians 2:1-11**