

# LIGHT AND DARKNESS

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## PURPOSE:

- To understand our true nature before God
- To truly appreciate the grace of God, we must understand the depths of our sinful nature

## 1 PETER 2:9-10

- People are either in the light or the darkness—there is no middle ground!
- In the light
  - Belonging to God
  - Saved—a Christian
  - In His mercy
  - Going to heaven
- In the darkness
  - Not part of God’s family
  - Lost—not a Christian
  - No mercy
  - Going to hell
- Question: Where are you right now?

## ISAIAH 59:1-2

- Our sin has separated us from God and leaves us in the darkness
- A wall, created by sin, prevents God from having a relationship with us
- Our good deeds, no matter how many, cannot tear the wall down

## MARK 7:20-23

- Sin comes from within our own hearts
- We cannot blame people, circumstances, our past or anything else for our sin
- We must take responsibility for our own sin
- Question: What does God consider to be sin?

## GALATIANS 5:19-21 (OR COLOSSIANS 3:5-10)

- Our sins are obvious
- Sins of the heart
- Consequences of living in sin—no salvation

## JAMES 4:17

- Sins of omission
- Sins of apathy, lukewarmness

## 2 CORINTHIANS 7:10-11

- Godly sorrow versus worldly sorrow
- Question: What is godly sorrow?
- Question: How do you think God feels about your sin?
- The goal of godly sorrow is repentance
- Describe repentance

## Conclusion:

So how does the wall of sin come down? The next study will be the light—God’s answer!