

# Walking in the Light

by Phil Beach Jr.

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*Walking in God's light is essential for fellowship with Him and others, and for experiencing His love, forgiveness, and purification.*

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## Description

Phil Beach Jr. emphasizes the importance of walking in the light of Christ, acknowledging that true transformation and pruning in our lives come from God alone. He warns against the dangers of taking it upon ourselves to judge or correct one another, reminding us that it is the light of Christ that exposes our hearts and reveals our sins. The sermon encourages believers to embrace the process of being pruned for greater fruitfulness, fostering a deeper fellowship with God and one another. Beach highlights that our joy and unity stem from focusing on Jesus and His light, which cleanses and purifies us. He concludes with a call to share in communion, affirming our commitment to live in the light and love of Christ.

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## Transcript

We are speechless again, Lord. Because in your presence, Lord, you seem to overshadow in such a way where our heart.

Has a hard time even articulating, saying. We see your glory, we see your majesty, we see your loveliness. We sense so deeply, Lord, in our spirits, the mighty work.

That you're doing. We sense, Lord, that you have claimed ownership. Of your body and that you're taking personal responsibility.

To care for it. To water it, to prune it. To cut away.

Those branches in our lives. That are hindering us.

From bringing forth the abundant lasting fruit. Thank you for the pruning hook. That you have.

So skillfully. We used in our midst this morning. Thank you for the pruning hook.

That has cut. Branches out of our life this morning.

Though we may be experiencing a sorrow and pain because of this pruning hook. May we remember, Lord, that. The fruit.

Of pruning. Is more fruit. Lord, I pray that you will.

Continue this work in our lives, in our homes and in our gatherings. Not only here when we gather in this auditorium. For however long you may open this door.

But Lord, cause it in our bedrooms when we're home alone talking. And in our cars when we're driving. Continue this pruning hook, Lord.

That we might bring forth fruit. In your garden. For your pleasure.

And now, Lord, for these few moments. We ask. For you to continue to confirm your word in Christ's name.

Amen. And amen. Praise the Lord.

For his faithfulness. For his love. Thank God for his.

Ministry of the high priest in our midst this morning. Isn't it lovely and encouraging? We're going to share. Communion in a few moments.

But before we do, I'd like to just share a few exhortations. I'd like to say, first of all. That nearly everything that was in my spirit this morning to share has been shared already.

Through our brother's ministry this morning, sharing the heart of the Lord and other brothers who shared. Captured in a most marvelous way. And God knows my rejoicing.

Knowing that he's truly doing a work in our lives. And I rejoice. That he has given us his Holy Spirit.

First John chapter one. Let us remember, beloved, that this work that God is doing. Is not originating.

From our own lives, it's not originating. From a group of elders. Or a pastor.

The work of pruning and discipline and scourging. And the work of purging sin out of the church. Is not initiated by you and I. Fixing our eyes one upon another.

Discovering each other's sins or faults and then taking action. Some fellowships have experienced similar moves of the Holy Spirit that we're experiencing in our lives. And they have erred because they have taken it upon themselves.

Usually this occurs in leadership. Where several men gather together and begin to feel that it's their job to purge the church. But we want to sound a clarion warning this morning.

That the work of the Lord will continue in our lives and in the lives of any group of people. Only as we are enabled each and every one of us to individually and corporately live by the law of life that comes from Jesus Christ. First John chapter one.

That which was from the beginning which we have heard. Which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled of the word of life. For the life was manifested and we

have seen it and bear witness and show unto you that eternal life.

Which was with the Father and was manifested unto us. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us. You see the apostle here is immediately stating the only true basis of fellowship that we have with one another.

And that is that we all revolve around and focus around the person and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. The spirit of God is reconnecting the body to the head. The spirit of God is reconnecting the individual members of the body of Christ back to the headship of Christ.

Because it is only from him that light comes that results in the workings that we are experiencing in our midst. Being exposed, being naked, having our life exposed does not come through men confronting one another. It comes when we all confront the light.

Where the light shines everything is made manifest. And it is only as we walk in the light that this unveiling occurs and that the government of the Holy Spirit is in control then. Now listen closely.

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you. We ought to be declaring to one another what we have seen and what we have heard from the light. From the Lord.

From the Lord. And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things I write unto you that your joy may be full.

Verses 1 through 3. John is telling the church it's all about him. It's all about Jesus. It's all about what we have seen and heard.

John is saying the sum total of who I am. John, right now writing this epistle. The sum total of what I am is the result of having seen, having heard, having handled, having fellowshiped with, having been intimate with, having his light conquer me, having his light shine on me, weeping in his light, laughing in his light, mourning in his light, grieving in his light.

It's all under the umbrella of his light. Brothers and sisters may we pray that the workings that we are experiencing now might result in an increased passion and desire to walk in his light. Walk in the light of Jesus Christ.

Watch this. This then is the message which we have heard of him and declare unto you that God is light. You see we've been talking a lot for several weeks about being naked and everything being manifest and everything being exposed.

But you can't get on that subject, you can't go in that direction without connecting it to the reason that's happening is because his light is shining. It's got to be two sides to the same coin. If we engage in the desire to be naked, to be exposed, to be naked, to be exposed, to be vulnerable, to open up, to have everything manifest, but we don't experience that through his light, then it turns into something evil.

It turns into something wicked. God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, the basis of our continuing to walk together and experience the dealings of God like we're experiencing hangs upon if we walk in the light as he is in the light. And so the Holy Spirit bids us this morning continue to walk in the light as he is in the light. And then our

fellowship will be with the Father, with the Son, and with one another.

And that fellowship will have the sweetness of his light, the sweetness of his love, the sweetness of his purging eye. But it will be generating from his light. How important it is for us to keep our eyes fixed upon the Lord Jesus Christ at this critical time in our life.

In our history with God today. How critical it is to keep our eyes on the Lord. How critical it is for our vision, for the thing that we see.

It must be that which we see because his light is shining. Let everything be exposed, but let it be exposed by his light. Let it be exposed by the radiance of his glory coming into our lives, coming into our families, coming into our fellowship one with another.

Let my faults and your faults be exposed as together we walk in his light. So let us pray, let us pray that our vision, our fellowship might be springing out of walking in his light one with another. Walking in his light.

And as we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. And the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanses us from all sin. You cannot walk in his light without seeing your sin.

But when you see his sin by his light, you have the blood of Christ cleansing you from your sin. You have the blood of Christ washing you from your sin. And as you keep yourself through the Holy Spirit in a posture of humility and brokenness, then you are able to confess if we confess our sins.

Verse 9, he is faithful and just to forgive us. So we walk in the light together. We walk in the light individually.

The light shines. We become naked. Everything is exposed in our life.

Everything will be unveiled. Before God brings his glory to the church, before he comes for the church in the air, he is going to appear in the church. He is going to appear as a refining fire.

He is going to fulfill the prayer that he prayed in John chapter 17. He is going to have a company of people who will bear his glory, who will be one organically, and who will reveal to the nations that there is a God in heaven who has sent his son Jesus Christ. He is going to do that.

Yes, he is. It doesn't matter how divided and how many denominations and how difficult it is. God will answer the prayer of Jesus.

But he is going to do it. Through a company of people who have learned to live in the light. I feel the need to emphasize because in times past, believers have touched on what we're touching.

But unless we stay humble and broken and realize the source of correction and reproof and pruning and purging doesn't come from men. It comes from God. If we don't keep that before us, then we're going to get the idea that it's our job.

And it's not our job. It is the high priestly ministry that Christ alone fulfills. He's purging the church.

He's purging the church. It is his light shining in our lives that exposes our nakedness. And then as we walk in the light, we confess our sins.

What his light exposes. What his light reveals. What his light makes known.

And when God shines light, as it says in Hebrews 4.12, the motives and intentions of our heart are exposed. And it is at that time that we must pray that God will enable us to confess our sins. You see, confession follows the light exposing.

We don't have to go around and just after the flash confess everything. You confess what the light exposes. You confess what God exposes.

And then when it's God exposing, it's not your brother exposing. It's not your sister exposing. It's not some board of elders exposing.

But it's the light of God. And then in brokenness, you come to God and you thank him for the blood. And you confess and he washes away all of our sins.

And it will be in a church who lives by the living principle of this that God will bring his glory to. Now, we're going to have a time now of communion. And God willing, we're going to look to the Lord to continue to bring forth more light from his heart on this whole subject of being naked and unashamed in his presence.

We're going to look by his light and see what this light is going to do. As the light of Christ shines in the church, what's going to happen? What's going to be the result? We're going to look at the nature of the purging in days to come. We're going to look at the nature of the shaking.

We're going to look at the nature of what God is going to get after in your life in order to prepare you to be a vessel of glory. We're going to walk through as the light shines and together see this. And we're going to also see the danger of resisting the light.

When God begins to move by the power of his spirit and begins to say I want a body that is transparent in my light and we resist, there's dangers that could happen. You remember Ananias and Sapphira. Do you know why Cain killed his brother Abel? Because when the light shined in Cain's heart, he resisted it.

And as a result, he moved in anger. And anger is the seed of murder. It all happened because when the light shined, Cain didn't humble himself.

See, he didn't confess his sin. And that's what it says in 1 John. Cain was a murderer because he failed to love his brother Abel.

Anything that we do that does not spring out of the gold, the precious stones, the silver, those words indicate quality. The quality that can only pass the test of God's heart is that which is springing out of the love of God in us governed by the Holy Spirit. Only what we do through love.

A few days ago, I looked at a building. It's an edifice, a church building. And I saw it in Hackestown.

It was beautiful. And I heard the Lord say to me, Do you know what built this building? I said no. And He spoke to me, Malice and envy and jealousy.

You see, when we look at a building, when we look at a work, we look at it outwardly. But God sees what is the motivating factor behind the work. And He judges it based on that.

The nature of this capital L-I-G-H-T, the nature of the light that is going to shine in the body in this hour that we're living in, that's going to bring us into the new millennium, is a light that is going to make naked all of our hearts in His presence and purify the motives and very intents of our heart so that we are not moving, we are not doing, we are not speaking. No matter how good it looks, we're not doing anything that is springing out of anything other than that pure, perfect love of God governed by the Holy Spirit of God. That is what He's going to do in our lives in this hour that we're living in.

So let's together share communion and let it be a time when we can affirm, as we share in communion, our confession that Christ is the bread and Christ's blood is the blood and that as one body, we desire the fullness of the head to come forth in our lives. Amen. We have a few brothers or...

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