Dear Open Door Family,

I love the way John uses words. He paints vivid pictures and uses specific words that show the contrast of living with and without God. John speaks about Jesus as the Light of the world and tells us that we need to walk in that light. Let's look at these verses together.

John 3:21 *(HCS) But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God.*

1 John 1:7 *(HCS) 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.*

Ephesians 2:10 *(HCS) For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them.*

Living by the truth means coming to the Light, Jn. 3:21. Our Lord Jesus is the Light and when we come to the light and walk in the light with Him we have fellowship with Him, 1 Jn. 1:7. As we do that consistently the light will reveal those areas in our lives where we are still making sinful choices. That may be an unkind word, a twisted motivation, or sinful actions. Even though it is never pleasant to have what we have done be exposed by the light, it is always good to be able to confess and then be able to keep on walking in the light. Another reason for coming to the light is so that the things we do are shown clearly to be God's work and not ours Jn. 3:21. Ephesians tells us that we were created (and saved Eph. 2:8-9) in order to DO GOOD WORKS. the very works which God has prepared ahead of time for us to do. We do them not make ourselves look good, but to show that these things are "accomplished by God," that is with His strength and Power.

PRAYER: Lord, please help me to walk in the Light of Your Word. May Your light expose everything that must be forsaken or brought under Your absolute control. May I learn more and more to do those things which show everyone around me how wondrous and glorious You really are. Please help me to do those things which you have prepared ahead of time for me to do today.

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