

Stay Out of the Shadows

1 John 1:5-7

*If we want to enjoy a close relationship with God,
 we must stay out of the shadows and live in the light*

Light reveals the holy character of God (5)

In 1:6-2:2, John makes six “if . . . then . . .” statements to describe how to have a close relationship with God. Three are phrased in a negative manner, three are positive. Three express our words, three express our actions.

“If we say”		“If we do”	
1:6	If we say, “We have fellowship with God,” yet walk in darkness	1:7	But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light . . .
1:8	If we say, “We have no sin”	1:9	But if we confess our sins . . .
1:10	If we say, “We have not sinned”	2:1	But if anyone does sin . . .
Negative statements		Positive statements	
Words		Actions	
<i>On the one hand</i>		<i>On the other hand</i>	

Stay out of the shadows (6)

Live in the light (7)

- Enjoy a close relationship with God
- Enjoy the cleansing power of the shed blood of Christ