

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Your child was in the cookie jar eating Oreo cookies, and he or she comes to you with that look on their faces like, “*What, I didn’t do anything*” as the chocolate crumbs are on their faces and their teeth are black for the Oreo cookies. They know they are guilty, yet they try to act like they are not.

But don’t we do the same thing with God?

We come to God acting like everything is cool and that we haven’t messed up.

We give God that look like, “*What, I didn’t do anything*” as the stain of sin is all over our faces. Sometimes we know we are guilty and refuse to come to God until we do something we think has cleansed us from our sin, like give a little extra money to a charity or church. Sometimes we will do extra service for others. Or how about reading the bible more, or at least vowing to. That makes about as much sense as saying, I will go to the hospital or the doctor’s after I am feeling better.

So many times we tend to try to remove our own sin, and no matter how hard we try, it’s still there. Think of your kids with the Oreo cookies, sure they could wash their little faces to remove the crumbs, but the stain on their teeth just won’t go away by washing their faces. So, we hand them their toothbrushes and some toothpaste and after they brush their teeth, their teeth are white again.

Think of our verse again today.

† ***But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.***

When you walk in the light, all your sins are exposed, and as we confess them to Jesus He not only removes the sin, but also the stain of sin in our lives.

† ***Isaiah 1:18-20 (NLT) "Come now, let us argue this out," says the LORD. "No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can remove it. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you as white as wool. If you will only obey me and let me help you, then you will have plenty to eat. But if you keep turning away and refusing to listen, you will be destroyed by your enemies. I, the LORD, have spoken!"***

So bring all your sins before the Lord and let Him cleanse you of your sins, if not, your sins will destroy you!

† ***Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.***

† **Hebrews 5:7** *who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear.*