"A Holy Walk"                                                                                          I John 1:5-10

     I.       We are called to a holy walk because God is holy (v. 5)

          A.   God's holiness is seen in his <u>transcendent majesty</u>

          B.   God's holiness is seen in his <u>glorious splendor</u>

          C.   God's holiness is seen in his <u>moral purity</u>

"But just as he who called  you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy."  (I Peter 1:15-16)

     II.     We are called to stop walking in the darkness (v. 6)

          A.   If we live as hypocrites we are <u>lying</u>

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil."  (John 3:19)

          B.   If we live as hypocrites we have rejected the <u>truth</u>

     III.    We are called to a holy walk with God (v. 7)

          A.   As we walk in the light we enjoy fellowship with <u>God</u>

"Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord."  (Psalm 89:15)

          B.   As we walk in the light we enjoy fellowship with other <u>believers</u>

          C.   As we walk in the light we are being purified from <u>sin</u>

              1.   The purification from sin is only by the <u>blood of Jesus</u>

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord.  'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." (Isaiah 1:18)

              2.   The purification from sin is a present & ongoing <u>reality</u>

     IV.    We are called to be honest about sin (v. 8)

          A.   If we reject the truth of our sinful nature we are <u>deceived</u>

          B.   If we reject the truth of our sinful nature we ignore the <u>truth</u>

     V.     We are called to confess our sins (v. 9)

          A.   To confess is to agree with God in regard to <u>our sin</u>

          B.   When we confess our sins God will forgive the <u>sinful act</u>

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

       C.   When we confess our sins God will cleanse the <u>sinful stain</u>

VI.     We are called to not deny our need of forgiveness (v. 10)

       A.   This attitude rejects the <u>holiness of God</u>

       B.   This attitude rejects the <u>truth of God</u>