

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY

I JOHN 1:5-10

PART-2
1.14.2026

KEY THEMES

LOVE.

Life.

Light

FELLOWSHIP

with God & Jesus,
and one another

Humanity
of Christ

Fruit of Faith

Remedy for
Believer's sin

Confronting false
teachings with
sound doctrine

FOUR STATED PURPOSES

1:4 Joy

And these things write we unto you, that your **joy may be full.**

2:1 Sin

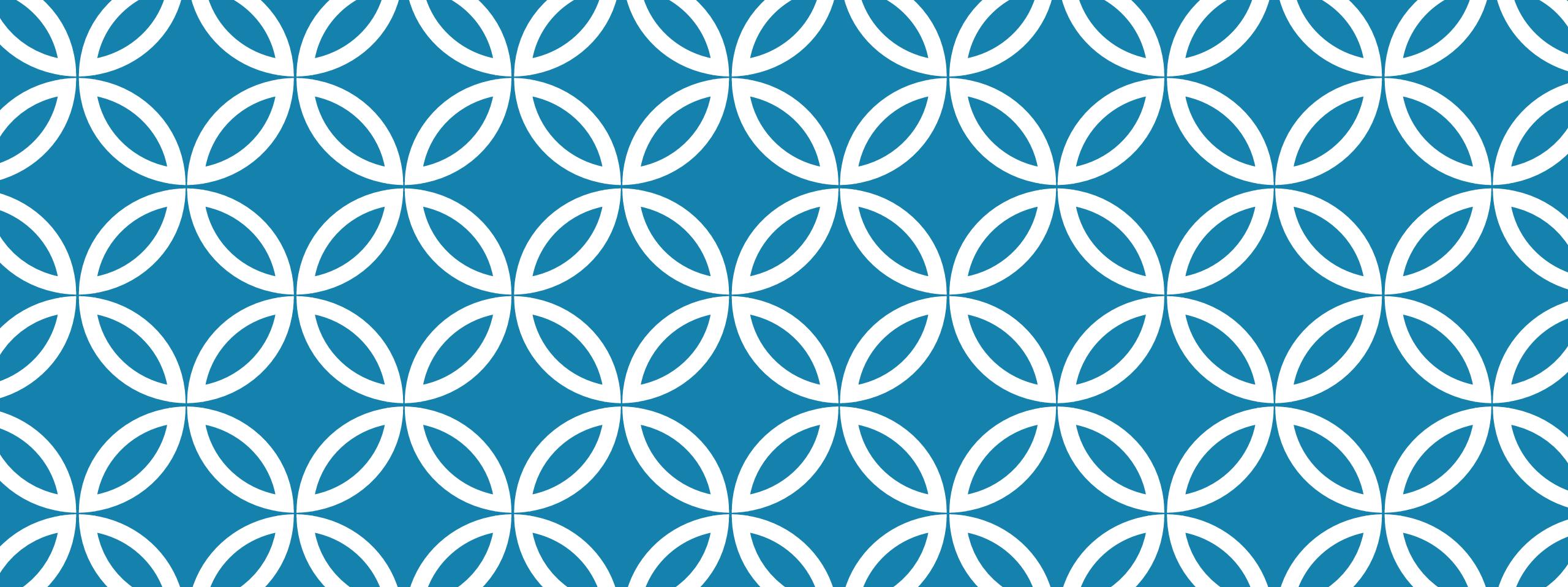
these things write I unto you, that ye **sin not.**

2:26 False Teachers

These things have I written unto you **concerning them** that seduce you.

5:13 Eternal Life

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have **eternal life,**

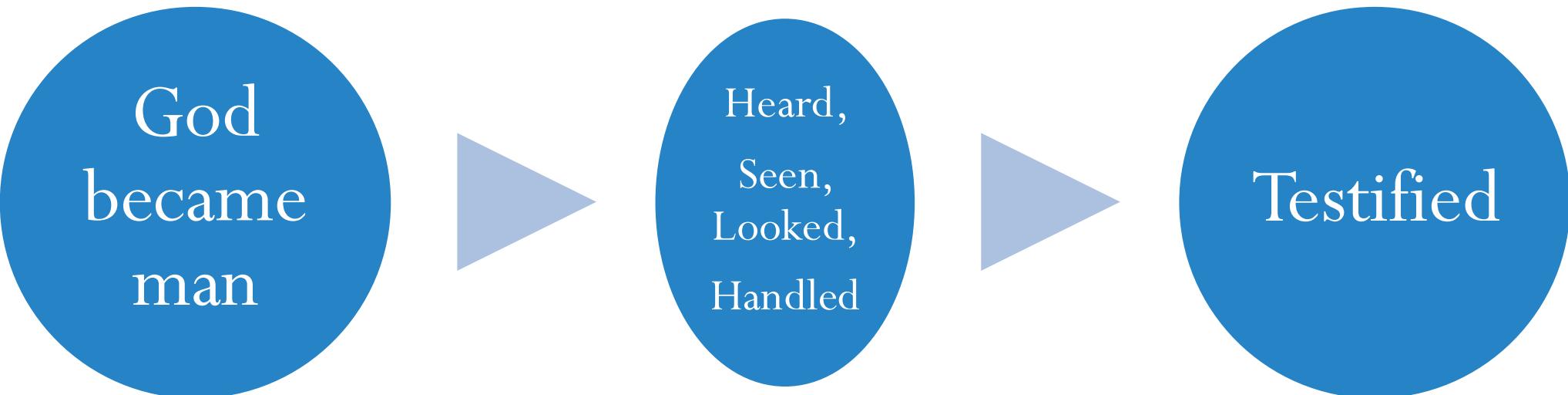


QUICK REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

VERSES 1-4

INCARNATION

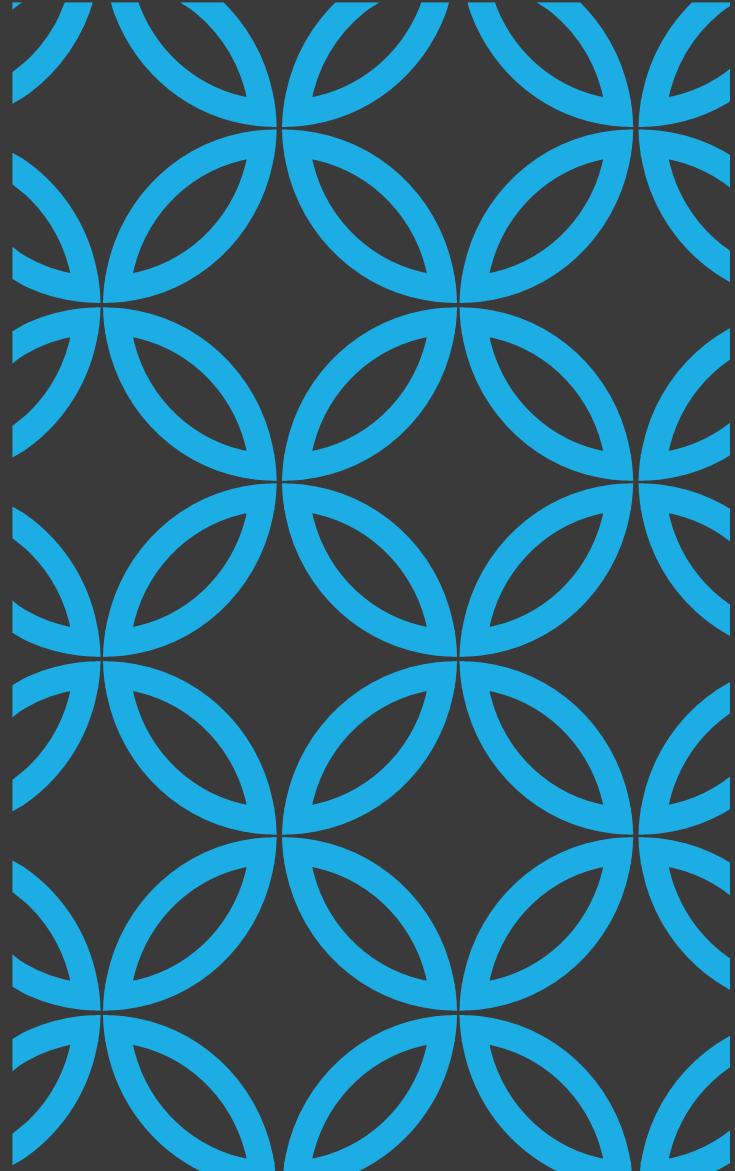
... GOD BECAME MAN!



God
became
man

Heard,
Seen,
Looked,
Handled

Testified



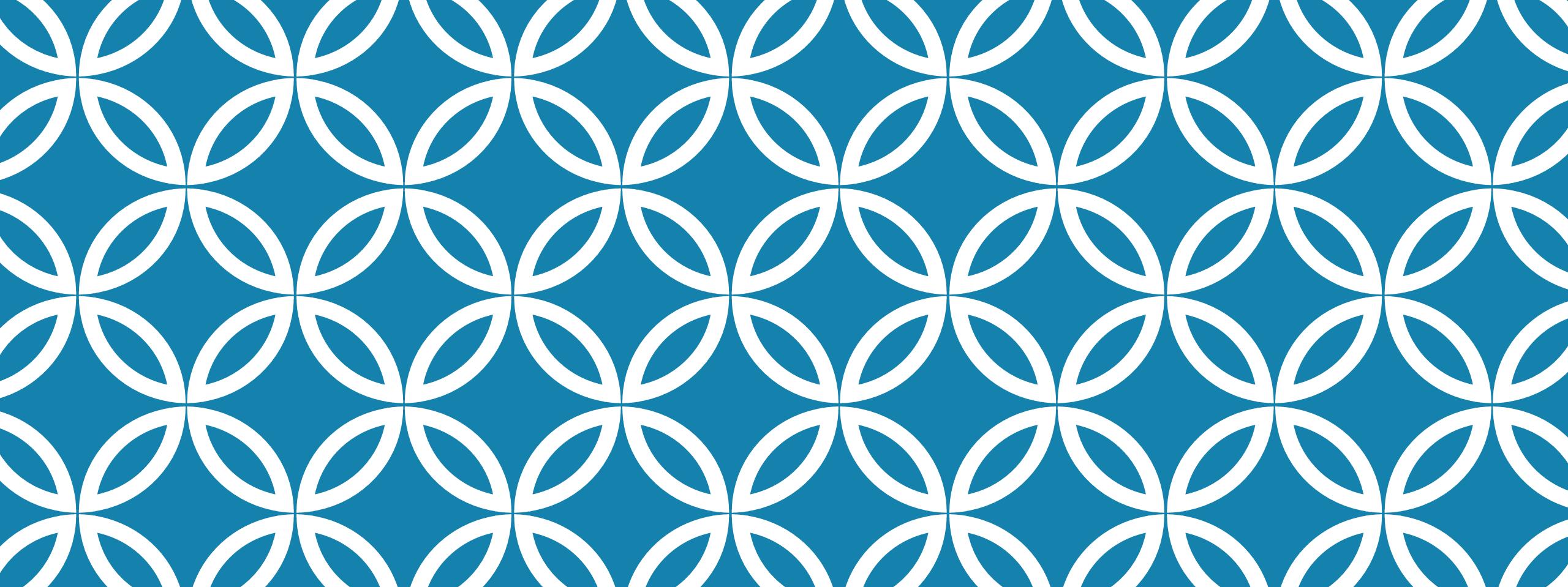
PURPOSE OF WITNESS: FELLOWSHIP

... that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ (3)

FULLNESS OF JOY (4)

Begins at
Salvation

Sustained by
Fellowship



1 JOHN 1:5-10

Light & Darkness
Nature of sin
Remedy for sin

1:5-10

⁵ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

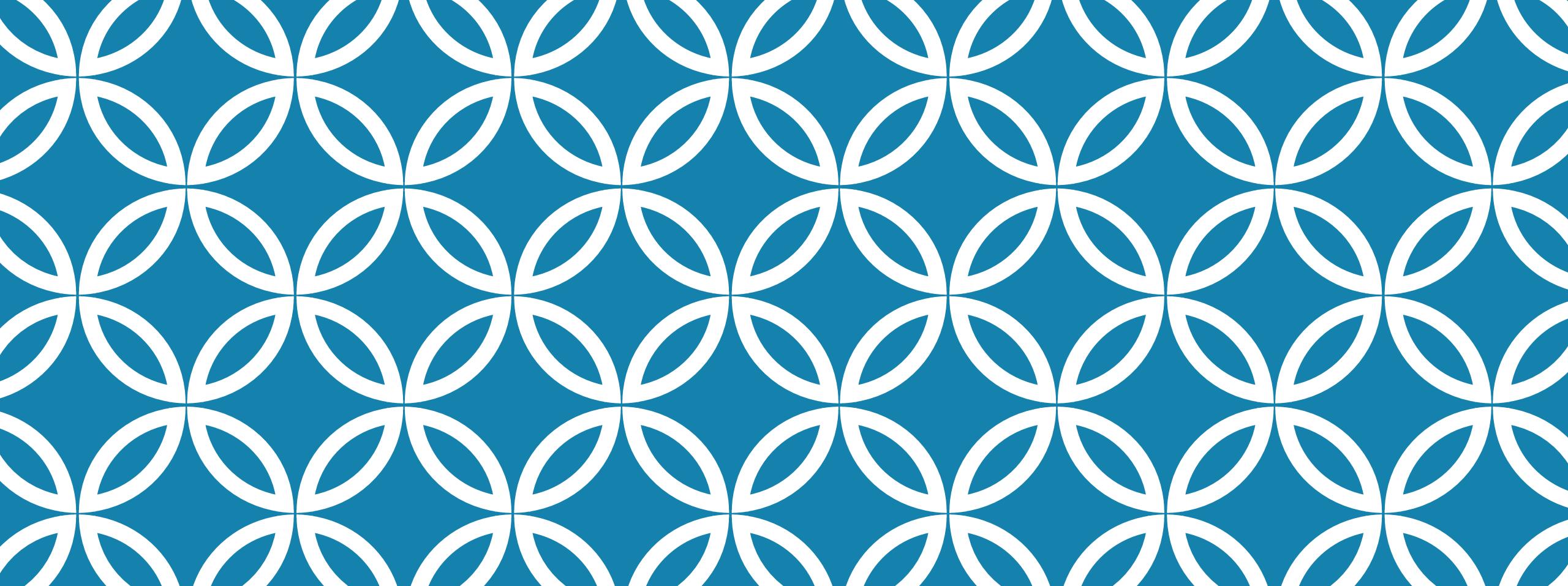
⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

⁷ But if 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 cleanseth us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.



GOD IS LIGHT
WALKING IN DARKNESS

verses 5-6

THE MESSAGE (5)

THIS THEN IS THE MESSAGE WHICH WE HAVE HEARD OF HIM, AND DECLARE UNTO YOU, THAT **GOD IS LIGHT**, AND IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL.

The Message:
Heard &
Declared,



**GOD IS
LIGHT**

THE MESSAGE (5)

THIS THEN IS THE MESSAGE WHICH WE HAVE HEARD OF HIM, AND DECLARE UNTO YOU, THAT GOD IS LIGHT, AND IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL.

GOD IS LIGHT

Light = absence of darkness

God represents supreme form of Purity & Righteousness

In Him is no darkness

Origin of darkness: disobedience of Adam & Eve

LIGHT & DARKNESS CANNOT COEXIST

**6 IF WE SAY THAT
WE HAVE
FELLOWSHIP
WITH HIM, AND
WALK IN
DARKNESS, WE
LIE, AND DO NOT
THE TRUTH:**

Can we say, we have fellowship (spiritual intimacy) with God but walk in darkness? **Yes**

We can be deceived about our relationship with the Lord.

(a) maybe not saved (but think we are saved)

(b) maybe saved, but not in fellowship (but think we are in fellowship)

DARKNESS

Psalm 82:5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness:

Proverbs 4:19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

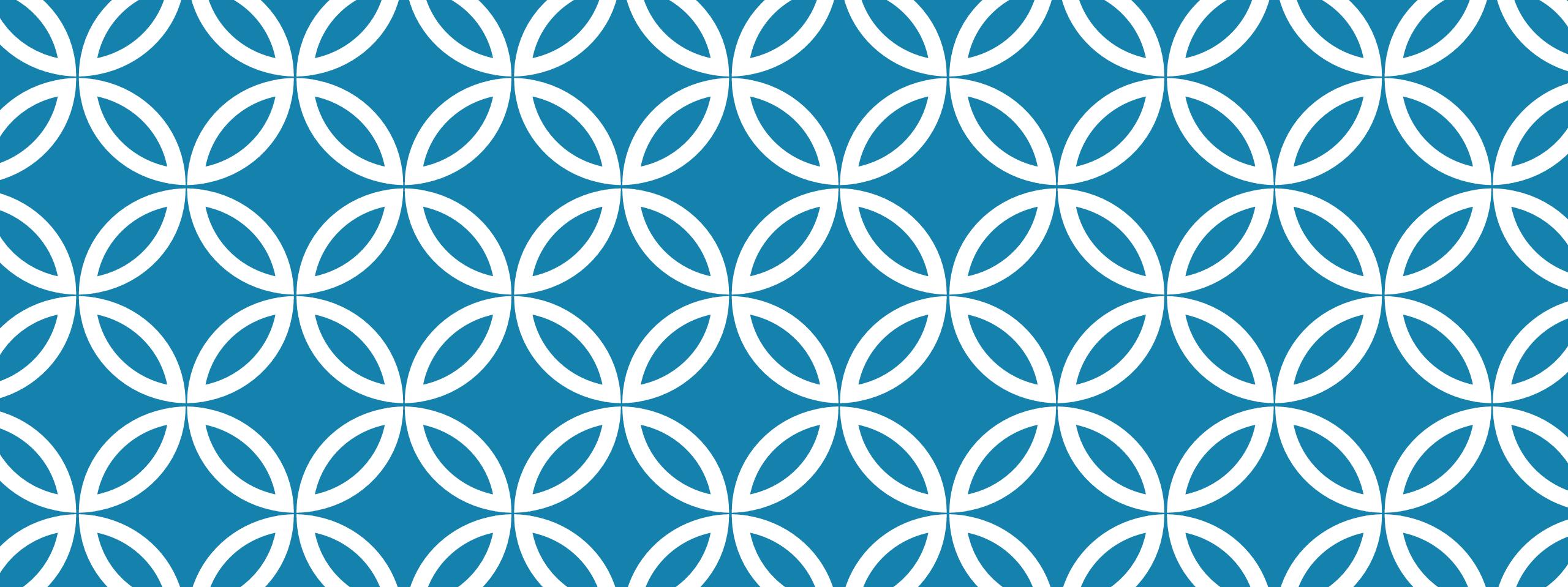
Isaiah 5: 20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;

WALKING IN DARKNESS

Walking implies active motion

Walking in darkness could mean:

- continued communion with darkness,
- an unrepentant carnal lifestyle,
- lead by the flesh,
- no proper understanding of sin and holy God,
- denying sinful condition while claiming fellowship with God,
- Life of hypocrisy



WALKING IN LIGHT

What does it imply?
Hindrances to walking in light?
How can we walk in light?
The Blessing of walking in the light

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

7 BUT IF 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 CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.

Walking in the light possible once we have received revelation about the Truth

Walking in the light implies:

- Believing in God and obeying His commands
- Walking in the narrow way
- Striving for righteousness
- Walking in the knowledge (consciousness) of sin - no denial such as when walking in darkness
- Walking with the Lord

Walking in the light does not mean perfection. Enoch walked with God but was not perfect.

HINDRANCES TO CROSSING OVER FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Why do we hesitate to cross over from darkness to light?

Shame of exposing our sins

Pleasure of sin

Safety of sin in a sinful culture (peer pressure)

Misconception that our sin is hidden in darkness

Not good reasons as sin will lead to death (loss of fellowship).

For the wages of sin is death ([Romans 6:23](#))

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy ([Proverbs 28:13](#))

BLESSING OF WALKING IN THE LIGHT: FELLOWSHIP

Walking in light will lead to fellowship with God and one another

If we are not walking in the light, we will not experience fellowship with others (only conflicts)

Root cause of conflicts: Not others, but us not walking in the light

Root cause of sin: Not others or circumstances, but us not walking in the light

Let us not blame others or circumstances or God ... Examine ourself!

HOW TO CONTINUALLY WALK IN THE LIGHT?

Continuous walking in the light requires **CONTINUAL CLEANSING** (sanctification) by the blood of Jesus Christ

Efficacy of Blood of Jesus Christ: For our past sins (salvation) and also for our present and future sins (continual sanctification)

Revelation 1:5 Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

I Peter 1:8 Redeemed with the precious blood of Christ

CONTINUAL CLEANSING

Salvation is once, but Cleansing continues throughout our life.

[John 13:10](#) Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

[Psalm 51:2](#) Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

THE CHOICE IS OURS

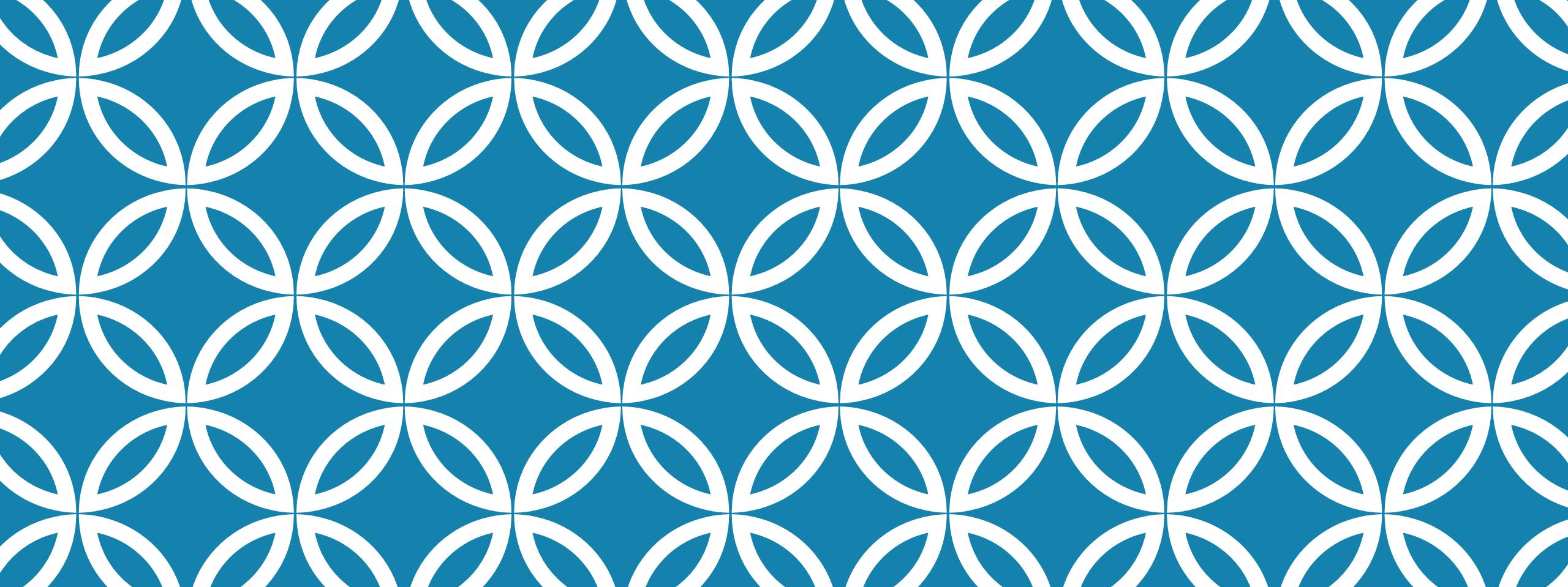
THE CHOICE: Walk in Darkness or Walk in Light (there is no grey area)

We can live in denial of sin & darkness in our life
or Expose ourselves in the light and confess

Our choice will determine
Whether we have communion with God or not!

Are we walking in darkness or light?

Do we prefer to walk in darkness or light?



NATURE OF SIN (8-9)

What is the root of sins?
What is the remedy for sin?

NATURE OF SIN

⁸ IF WE SAY THAT WE
HAVE NO SIN, WE
DECEIVE OURSELVES,
AND THE TRUTH IS
NOT IN US.

Sin is ‘singular’ (8) so the focus is on the root of sin. (‘sins’ in verse 9 focuses on the outcome: sinful acts)

Those who deny the need of Christ do not understand the root cause of sin. Root of sin inclines us to sinful behavior.

Christian faith is the only faith that addresses the remedy for root cause of sin.

DOES SALVATION ELIMINATE THE NATURE OF SIN?

Ezekiel 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Salvation gives us a new heart and the power to overcome sinful nature. Salvation puts us on the path to be transformed into His image (II Corinthians 3:18, Romans 8:29)

But we are not always willing or successful overcomers.

We will continue to battle temptations and sins in this lifetime because of the root (conflict between flesh & spirit, Romans 7:14-25)
Romans 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. Hence, we need a remedy for sin even for believers.

THE REMEDY FOR SIN

9 IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

RECOGNIZE our sin

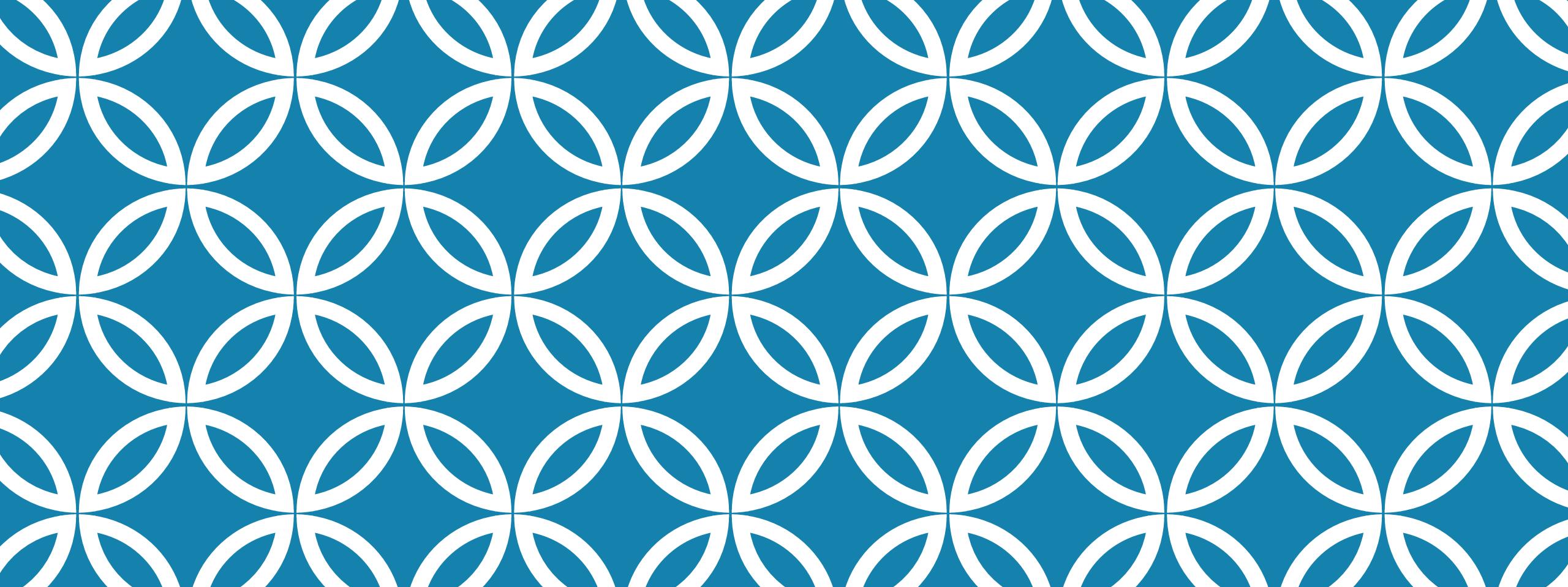
CONFESS (instead of hiding and blaming as Adam & Eve did)

Receive CLEANSING (stain removed through shed blood)

God is faithful and Just. We can trust God's character and promises.

David's Prayer:

Psalm 51:7 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.



ARE BELIEVERS SINNERS?

VERSE 10

BELIEVERS ARE SINNERS

¹⁰ IF WE SAY THAT WE
HAVE NOT SINNED, WE
MAKE HIM A LIAR,
AND HIS WORD IS NOT
IN US.

Many self-righteous believers do not consider themselves to be sinners

Sin is “missing the mark” and we all miss it

Sin is transgression of law, I John 3:4

We are constantly guilty of sins of omission & sins of commission

God is declaring us to be ‘sinners’

To deny our **sinful nature** will be to call God a liar.

WE MAY SIN
BUT
WE ARE NOT
CONDEMNED

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death

If we confess, we are forgiven ... if we accept God's mercy and the gift of forgiveness, by faith, we will be guilt free(9)

If we lack faith in God's forgiveness, it will lead to lingering guilt and doubt of our spiritual condition.

WE MAY SIN,
BUT
WE ARE NOT
CONDEMNED

Satan makes us feel guilty and ashamed.

Satan makes us remember our ‘past sins’ that have already been ‘cleansed forgiven, and forgotten’.

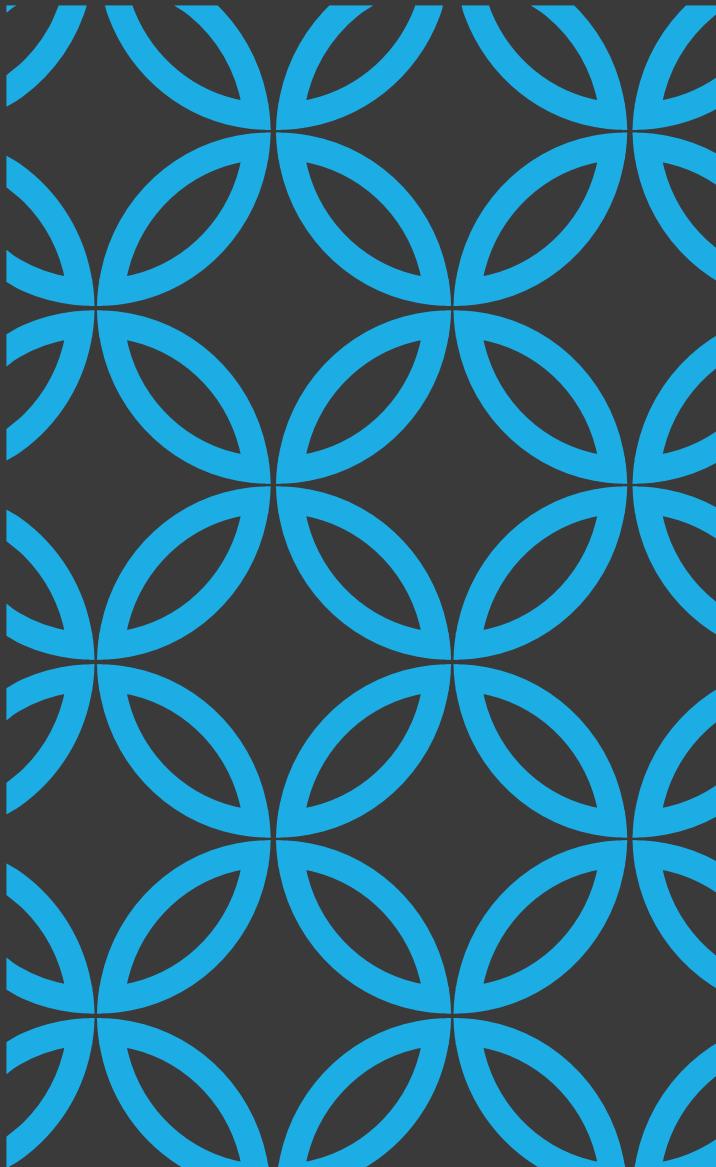
Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. **Hebrews 10:17** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO REJECT THE GOSPEL

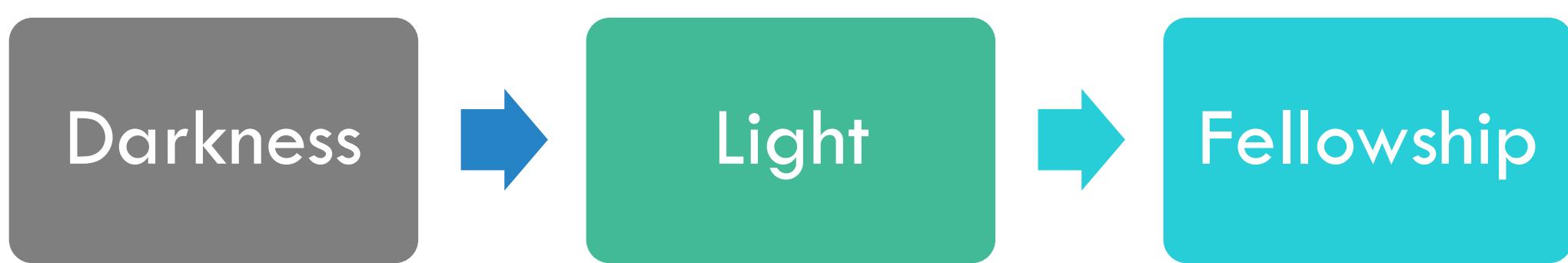
SELF- EXAMINATION FOR BELIEVERS

JOHN 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

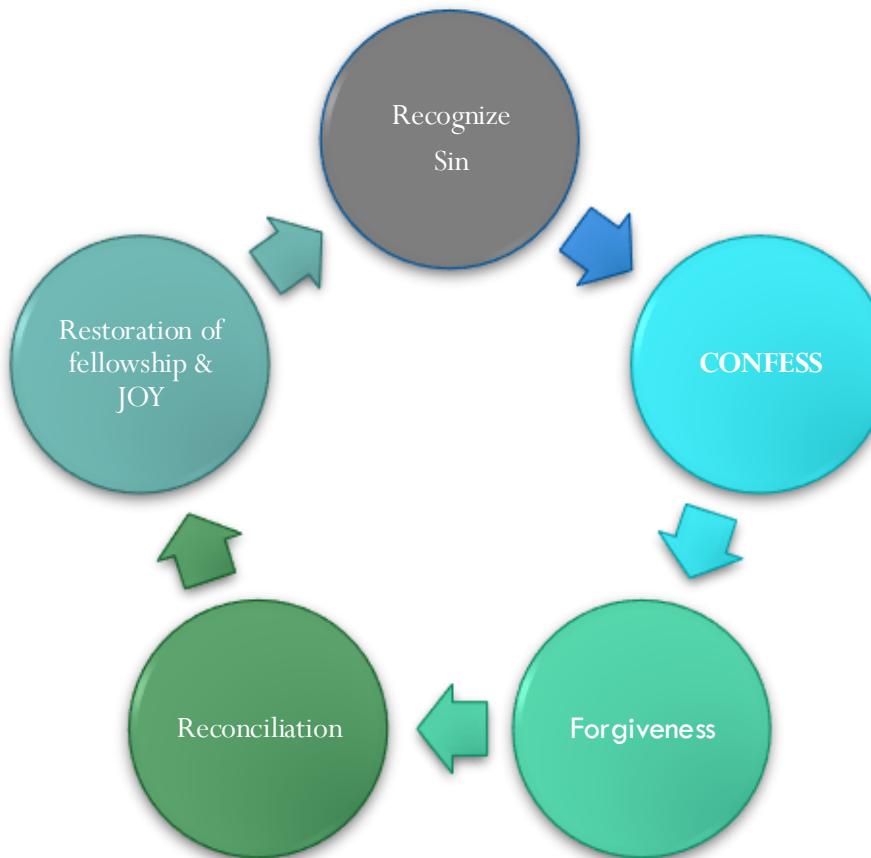
I CORINTHIANS 11:28 But let a man examine himself ...
³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. (**Chastisement is not condemnation**)

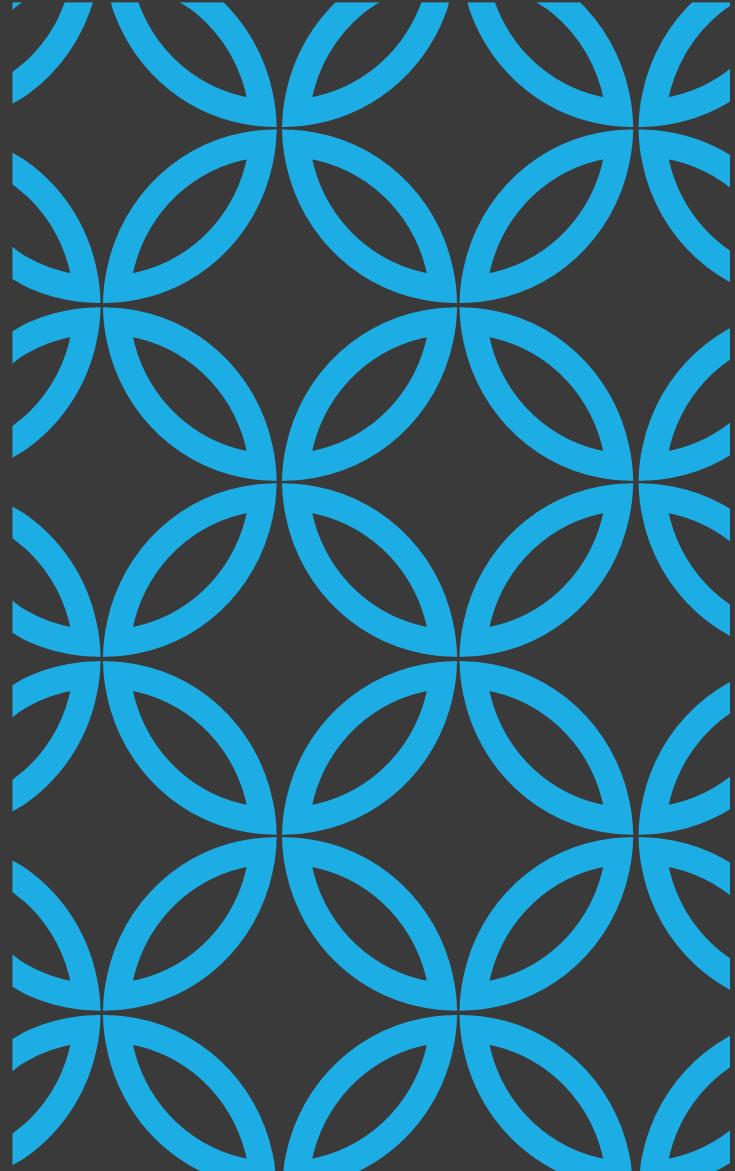


REFLECTIONS



DO WE HAVE JOY? CONTINUAL CLEANSING IS A MUST FOR RESTORATION OF FELLOWSHIP & ENJOYING FULLNESS OF JOY





OUR CALLING : BE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

MATHEW 5:14

YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

We cannot fulfill this mission if we are living in darkness.

We cannot be effective witnesses if we are living compromised carnal lives.