

Fact Sheet for **“Walking in the Light of the Lord”**  
**Isaiah 2:1-5**

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Read Isaiah 2:1-4.

There is another passage in the Bible (Micah 4:1-3) *almost* identical to this one, and it was written around the same time. These two were written about 2,700 years ago. This has never happened in history... yet. Imagine the political changes necessary. When will it happen? (after the Tribulation & Armageddon, Revelation 4-19 & Revelation 20 – Millenium) But Isaiah does not stop there. Read Isaiah 2:5.

Here's how one commentator put it... “In view of the fact that in the Millenium all nations will stream to Jerusalem to learn God's Word, it would be sensible for Israel, already knowing the Law, to follow it (walking in its 'light') until the Lord sets up his glorious kingdom.”<sup>1</sup> This pattern of giving a prophecy of future events, then encouraging people how to live now, is seen in other passages (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:1-8; 2 Peter 3:10-14; 1 John 3:2). Isaiah, Paul, Peter, and John encouraged people in their present walk with the Lord since the prophetic future events they spoke about would certainly come about.

What is the “light of the Lord”? Consider a famous verse from Psalms (119:105). The “light of the Lord” includes everything in Scripture. With the completion of the Bible the “light of the Lord” includes everything between Genesis 1 and Revelation 22. It includes all we need to know to walk righteously. Isaiah is encouraging the people of his day to walk according to God's Word. He then follows up verse 5 with an application that was absolutely critical in his day... to cease idolatry. Isaiah's bridge to application (verse 5) from these future events to his application about ceasing idolatry (verses 6ff.) speaks to us down through 2,700 years of history.

In view of the fact that these future events will take place it would be sensible for us as God's people to follow God's Word now. Let's consider one example of an application that is appropriate to us.

<sup>ESV</sup> **John 13:35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The term “one another” speaks to community, to a sharing of yourself with others. Christianity is not a spectator sport. If you follow up the term “one another” just in the ESV NT you will come across these verses among others...

<sup>ESV</sup> **Mark 9:50** be at peace with one another."

<sup>ESV</sup> **John 13:14** wash one another's feet.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Romans 12:10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

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<sup>1</sup> The Bible Knowledge Commentary, OT, John A. Martin, p.1038.

ESV **Romans 12:16** Live in harmony with one another  
 ESV **Romans 14:13** ¶ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.  
 ESV **Romans 15:5** live in harmony with one another  
 ESV **Romans 15:7** welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you  
 ESV **1 Corinthians 12:25** that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.  
 ESV **2 Corinthians 13:11** comfort one another, agree with one another  
 ESV **Galatians 5:13** serve one another  
 ESV **Galatians 6:2** Bear one another's burdens  
 ESV **Ephesians 4:2** bearing with one another in love  
 ESV **Ephesians 4:32** Be kind to one another forgiving one another  
 ESV **Ephesians 5:21** submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ  
 ESV **Colossians 3:13** bearing with one another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you  
 ESV **Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.  
 ESV **1 Thessalonians 4:18** encourage one another  
 ESV **1 Thessalonians 5:11** encourage one another and build one another up  
 ESV **1 Thessalonians 5:15** to do good to one another  
 ESV **Hebrews 3:13** exhort one another  
 ESV **Hebrews 10:24-25** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works encouraging one another  
 ESV **James 4:11** ¶ Do not speak evil against one another  
 ESV **James 5:9** Do not grumble against one another  
 ESV **James 5:16** confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed  
 ESV **1 Peter 1:22** love one another earnestly from a pure heart  
 ESV **1 Peter 4:8** keep loving one another earnestly  
 ESV **1 Peter 4:9** Show hospitality to one another  
 ESV **1 Peter 4:10** As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another  
 ESV **1 Peter 5:5** Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another  
 ESV **1 John 4:7** let us love one another

If you just take the term “one another” in Scripture and seek to live in the “light of the Lord” by these verses you will experience Christian community. Now think about it a second. Are these verses phrased to help me identify Christian community when it is shown to me, or are these verses phrased to encourage me to show Christian community to others? It’s the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This requires that I go out of my way. This requires my time (sharing a meal, having a conversation, visiting, doing something together). This requires my attention. This requires my activity. This requires my planning. This requires my giving. And, I am never released from this obligation by God. For me to live “in the light of the Lord” in part requires me to be oriented towards others.

Get involved in a small group. Come help at AWANA. Join a mid-week Bible study. Volunteer in the area of your gifting. All of these will help you to fulfill God’s instruction for us to live in community.

Read Isaiah 2:1-5 again